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NEWSWATCH

PIA cancels Kuwait flight

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff
PIA flights to Kuwait have been disrupted by the Pakistani pilots' go-slow tactics, now in the second week.

Pakistan International Airlines cancelled three international and five domestic flights yesterday morning.

Thursday's scheduled PIA flight to Kuwait was cancelled at the last moment. Harried passengers waited in Karachi for hours before they could get a seat on a British Airways flight. Only 125 of those booked on PIA managed to get back to Kuwait.

One passenger who made it to Kuwait, said: "We would have been stranded if we had not got the BA seats."

The passengers were shuttled from one terminal to another in Karachi before the authorities finally announced the Kuwait flight cancellation.

Another passenger said: "There was total chaos at the airport; children were crying; our baggage was scattered and we didn't know whether we were coming or going."

PIA's manager in Kuwait was unavailable for comment.

There are four PIA flights to Kuwait.

KUNA adds: the pilots' strike has disrupted flight movement badly. Air travellers are expected to face the situation for an indefinite period as the talks between the Pakistan Airlines Pilots Association (PALPA) and the PIA management failed to yield positive results.

Last Thursday, 400 pilots refused to do extra-duty unless their long-standing demands, including a pay rise, were accepted.

The PIA board of directors has offered a new package to the pilots and gave them three days to respond. Informed sources said the package included a 10 per cent pay rise and allowances.

Call to reassess US tax laws on Gulf Americans

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14 jailed for soccer riots

BRUSSELS, April 28. (UPI): A Brussels court today sentenced 14 British soccer fans to three years in jail, half of the term being suspended, for causing an intense panic in which 39 people were killed before the Liverpool-Juventus European Cup final at the Brussels Heysel stadium on May 29, 1985.

Eleven other Liverpool fans were acquitted, as the court found their guilt was not proven.

In his verdict, Judge Pierre Verlynde found the 14 fans guilty of "acts of violence" which caused an "intense panic" in the stadium in which 39 people, 34 of them Italians, were crushed to death. About 450 other people were injured.

The British fans were accused of assault and battery which resulted in involuntary manslaughter.

They had been extradited in September 1987 by Britain after having been identified on pictures and video tapes.

Japanese tycoon Matsushita dies

TOKYO, April 28. (AP): Konosuke Matsushita, founder of Matsushita Electronic Industrial Co., one of the world's largest manufacturers of consumer electronics, died of pneumonia yesterday, a hospital official said. He was 94.

He built his global electronics empire from an electric socket business he began in 1918.

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A woman wails over the body of her mother (above) while another woman (below) who lost her husband and a son in the tornado, weeps lonely on the rubble of her wrecked home. (Reuter wirephoto)



Two women in West Beirut carry shopping bags filled with vegetables on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rains delay rescue

Tornado hits Bangladesh

DHAKA, April 28. (Agencies):

Soldiers recovered more bodies from fields and from under rubble in central Bangladesh today, bringing the 700 the death toll from a tornado that devastated the area two days earlier.

Officials said they believed there were many corpses still hidden under wreckage.

"It seems the death toll will pass 1,000 when all the wreckage has been cleared," one official told reporters.

The tornado, with a wind speed of 160 km (100 miles) per hour, hit the Manikganj district, 65 km (40 miles) north of Dhaka, on Wednesday.

Striking without warning, it flattened houses and crops in a 60 square mile (150 sq km) area.

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He said 50 bodies were found in Daulatpur sub-district and more than 150 in Manikganj, Sadar, Dhamrai and Nagarpur.

More harrowing stories emerged today from survivors of the storm.

I saw 30 bodies, mutilated and rotting, lying in a rice field two days after the havoc," said Abdul Ghafur, chairman of a local council.

Villagers first noticed a patch of bright yellow cloud hovering in a corner of the sky," he told Reuters by phone.

The tornado destroyed thousands of houses in at least 30 villages, killed hundreds of animals and damaged crops already badly hurt by more than a month of searing drought.

Officials said intermittent rain since the tornado was easing the drought but delaying efforts to rescue storm victims.

"Widespread rain last night and early today caused immense suffering to thousands of homeless people squatting outdoors. It also slowed the rescue operation." Manikganj resident Zahidul Haque said.

The tornado, after hitting Manikganj, left a 20-mile-long (30-km) stretch of farmland untouched, and then descended on Bhauapur district, where it caused severe damage and some injuries among inhabitants of some 20 villages, officials said.

Witnesses said twisted corrugated iron roofs still hung from trees. Wailing parents searched

for children while a bus band madly dug through piles of debris hoping to find his wife.

More than 600 injured, many with limbs severed, were treated in Manikganj hospital, doctors said. Hundreds of others were sent to Dhaka Medical College and nearby Savar Military Hospital.

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'Uproot corruption'

Hussein names Shaker premier

AMMAN, April 28. (Agencies): King Hussein swore in his tough former Army commander Zeid Bin Shaker as prime minister yesterday in the wake of widespread rioting, telling him to reorganize the government and prepare for Jordan's first general elections in 22 years.

State-run Jordan television showed the swearing-in ceremony and said Hussein had issued 19 directives to the new government, including calls for freedom of the press, support for the PLO and stamping out corruption.

The new 24-man cabinet includes seven Palestinian-born men, down from 10 in the previous 26-member cabinet.

But that appeared enough to assert Hussein's continuing claim to represent Palestinians in the kingdom despite his decision to sever ties with the West Bank last year. Palestinians make up half of Jordan's population of three million.

In his statement, the king vowed continued support for the PLO and "non-interference in their local affairs," further distancing himself from the West Bank he ruled until 1967, when it was seized by Israel.

The new government includes nine holdovers from the previous cabinet, which was forced to resign in the wake of last week's rioting in southern Jordan. Among them is Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem.

Bin Shaker, 55, is a longtime friend and adviser of the king. He is most famous for his military role in crushing Palestinian commandos in Jordan in 1970 and 1971.

Bin Shaker was armed forces commander in chief until last year, when Hussein made him chief of palace advisers and his special adviser on security affairs.

He still holds the rank of field marshal and enjoys high prestige in the military.

That fact should help him quell any lingering unrest. The riots were centred among native Jordanians in the south, who are disproportionately represented in the military.

Bin Shaker takes office in the wake of the kingdom's worst domestic violence since 1971. A wave of riots over government price hikes and economic difficulties swept Jordan last week.

In his message to the new government, Hussein alluded to charges of corruption and profiteering levelled against outgoing Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, whose name was chanted in rage by the rioters.

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Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed will meet UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in Geneva to discuss ways to end the conflict in Lebanon, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) said today.

Sheikh Sabah heads the Lebanon committee of the Arab League.

Beirut truce takes effect

Arab League efforts welcomed

BEIRUT, April 28. (Agencies): The guns fell silent in Beirut today as Christian and Muslim forces welcomed a ceasefire arranged by the Arab League in hopes of ending six weeks of bloody fighting that has left at least 271 people dead.

Police said the Christian forces, consisting of the Lebanese Army and Lebanese Forces militia, and a coalition of Syrian-backed Muslim militiamen appeared to be honouring the ceasefire, which took effect at noon today (1000 GMT) as called for by the Arab League.

Less than two hours before the ceasefire, the command of the Christian units issued a communiqué saying its forces would abide by the Arab call and announced the opening of all roads between Christian areas and other parts of the country.

The Arab League proposal was announced yesterday at the end of an emergency foreign ministers' meeting in Tunis. It called for a ceasefire and the establishment of an Arab observer force to monitor the truce.

Pro-Syrian Muslim leaders welcomed the plan, and Christian officials said it was a step in the right direction but voiced some reservations.

Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi was appointed to put together the ceasefire observer force, League sources said. The force can leave for Beirut within 24 hours. The Arab League also called for the lifting of all blockades on seaports and airports and the opening up of roads. The Christian government said today it would allow Beirut airport to re-open.

In Washington, US Secretary of State James Baker met briefly today with Arab diplomats, including an Arab League representative, and reiterated his support for efforts to implement a ceasefire in Lebanon.

The Christian government welcomed provisions for the lifting of a Muslim siege on Army-held seaports. But it did not say if Christian forces would lift their blockade on three Muslim-run ports south of Beirut. This threatened to undermine the truce.

The Christians called on the Arab League to "pursue its efforts to solve the basic problems," that is the Syrian presence in Lebanon.

But Nabil Berri, leader of Shite Amal militia said Syrian troops should stay in Lebanon until Israel quits all Lebanese territory and the country's Christian and Muslim communities are reconciled.

Kuwait is to fly 50 Lebanese war victims to hospitals next week, a doctor said in Beirut yesterday.

Kamel Muhanna, in charge of supervising the Kuwaiti relief operation in Beirut, said 25 wounded Muslims would be flown from Damascus and 25 Christians from the port of Larnaca in Cyprus.

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400 killed, say Senegal refugees

DAKAR, April 28. (Reuter): Refugees reaching Senegal today said up to 400 people were hacked or clubbed to death in two days of communal violence in the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott.

No official toll has been given but hospital sources in Nouakchott have said at least 100 Senegalese died in the fighting on Monday and Tuesday.

Senegal has threatened reprisals against Mauritania and accused it of failing to take steps to prevent the death of Senegalese.

The first batch of some 160 refugees who arrived in Dakar today gave harrowing accounts of the killings, which some Dakar residents fear could reignite violence against Mauritaniens in Senegal.

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20 detained in Seoul students protest

SEOUL, April 28. (AP): Students staged violent anti-government protests at four universities in Seoul today, and police arrested 20 students trying to march to the North Korea border despite a government ban.

Several thousand students rallied at colleges in the capital before attempting to march to the Panmunjom border truce village, about 50 kilometres (30 miles) north of Seoul, to meet with students from the communist north.

The government had banned the march and also a labour rally planned for Sunday to celebrate the May Day labour holiday, saying force would be used to put down any violent protest.

The government said the student march posed a threat to public safety and that only the government has authority to deal with the rival north.

Riot police circled some schools, standing guard to prevent students from marching out. Police said 20 radical student leaders trying to get to the border were arrested at a police checkpoint after a meeting at Hongik University.

More than 2,000 South Korean police officers tendered resignations today to protest an alleged assault on a police superintendent by an opposition lawmaker, police said.

UK to have bomb scanners**Trial run at Gatwick airport this year**

LONDON, April 28. (Reuter): Britain said yesterday it would install one of the latest US plastic explosive detectors in the wake of the bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Scotland last December.

Transport Secretary Paul Channon said after talks with US Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner that Britain's first Thermal Neutron Analysis (TNA) machine would begin a trial run at London's Gatwick airport later this year.

Skinner told a news conference that Italy, West Germany, Switzerland and France were also expected to start using the machine or had asked for more information about them.

He said a TNA machine on test on the west coast of the United States had worked well without delaying passengers.

US detects space balloon**Spy satellites**

LOS ANGELES, April 28. (UPI): Nuclear-powered Soviet spy satellites capable of zeroing on US submarines have been detected emitting powerful gamma rays that interfere with space communication, scientists reported.

The accidental discovery occurred last year but was reported yesterday in the current issue of the British journal Science, which this week focuses on what before had been a highly classified government concern.

Researchers from the University of California-Riverside pinpointed the spy satellites by way of a telescope strapped to a high-flying space balloon during a mission aimed at getting a bird's-eye view of the stars.

The mission was continually interrupted by bursts of brilliant celestial light — gamma rays — more intense than the entire crab nebula, one of the brightest natural sources of gamma rays in the near reaches of the universe.

A gamma ray is electromagnetic energy that exists in a range higher than that of X-rays and is notable for the intensity of its light. Elsewhere in space, supernovas, neutron stars and quasars are sources of the little understood rays first detected in the deep regions of the heavens 22 years ago.

"I look forward to the time when we have machines such as this, or its successor technology, deployed in all major airports," he said.

The United States has spent \$60 million developing the scanners, the most advanced in the world. Unlike present machines they can detect plastic explosives in baggage.

Investigators believe the bomb that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 last December was made of plastic explosive hidden in a radio-cassette player loaded in the airliner's forward baggage hold.

Police reported activists of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna — Sinhalese for the "Peoples Liberation Front" — late Wed-

Strike paralyzes south Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, April 28. (UPI): A general strike called by Sinhalese radicals paralyzed much of southern Sri Lanka in a protest against the government's negotiations that were ongoing yesterday with the emissary of a powerful Tamil rebel group, officials said.

They said the call found almost total adherence in southern Matara, Pandura and Kalutara towns and the eastern settlements of Kegalle and Ratnapura, where all shops, schools and business closed and few government employees attended

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which has been fighting for nearly six years for a nation for the Hindu minority.

Violence linked to its campaign of agitation, killing and sabotage has left some 2,000 people dead this year, and although the posters did not articulate why the JVP objected to the talks, the group has always vehemently opposed any plans to grant the Tamils any degree of indepen-

NEWS IN BRIEF**No snap election**

DUBLIN, April 28. (Reuter): Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey has ruled out calling a snap election after his minority government was defeated in parliament for the sixth time in two years.

Its latest defeat came on Wednesday when it failed by three votes to stop an opposition motion to set up a 400,000 punt (\$600,000) trust fund for haemophiliacs exposed to AIDS through contaminated blood supplies.

Freak hailstorm

MEXICO CITY, April 28. (AP): Thousands of people were left homeless in the southern state of Veracruz after a freak hailstorm destroyed their roofs, news reports said yesterday.

The Excelsior News Service said no major injuries were reported in the hailstorm, which occurred Wednesday afternoon in the 12 towns surrounding the Pico de Orizaba volcano, about 150 miles east of Mexico City.

Deportation denied

LONDON, April 28. (KUNA): The British Home Office denied today claims that hundreds of people have been deported illegally from the UK by immigration officers.

A report in today's Independent newspaper said that the department's own lawyers had advised that the decision to empower immigration officers to deport people was against the law.

38 killed

BANGKOK, April 28. (Reuter): At least 38 people were killed and a further 37 injured when armed men ambushed a group of black market traders crossing a bridge on the Thai-Kampuchea border on Wednesday.

They said the wounded, many in a serious condition with shrapnel and mine injuries, were taken to a hospital run by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Bodies recovered

NAIROBI, April 28. (UPI): Thirty-one bodies have been recovered and a survivor said about 70 more people were missing in the collapse of an illegal gold mine in Burundi's northeastern Muyinga district, the official Burundi News Agency (BNA) reported yesterday.

The rescuers are working around the clock to dig out bodies of other prosecuters covered with the mass of earth, state-run Radio Brundi said in a separate report. "This is the worst tragedy to happen in Brundi's mining history."

Bodies excavated

MOSCOW, April 28. (AP): Authorities excavated the bodies of more than 200 people who had been shot during Josef Stalin's rule and buried in a mass grave outside Kiev, the official news agency Tass reported.

Tass, quoting from a report in the weekly Literaturaia Gazeta, said Wednesday the bodies of foreigners were among those found during four days of excavation at a site in the Darnits forest. It did give the exact days for the excavation.

Forged notes

BRUSSELS, April 28. (Reuter): Brussels airport staff uncovered a haul worth a million dollars in near-perfect forged notes — during a routine baggage check, police said yesterday.

A Belgian courier arrested could be part of a much bigger operation, a spokesman said. He declined to give details.

Early speech

WASHINGTON, April 28. (KUNA): Strong evidence has emerged for the first time that early humans called Neanderthals may have possessed rudimentary speech, it was disclosed yesterday.

Paleontologists here said discovery of a 60,000-year-old skeleton in a cave in occupied Palestine bolstered scientific long have asserted that early hominids could speak.

Lawyer protests

LONDON, April 28. (AP): A opposition lawmaker who has suspended last year for damaging a royal mace in the House of Commons protested his innocence Wednesday of charges of theft and damaging property in connection with a new incident.

Star Wars test

The United States announced on Thursday a successful 'Star Wars' test which officials called a key step towards development of small space-based interceptors to destroy enemy nuclear missiles in flight.

The 20-second test was conducted last Monday inside a large building at Edwards Air Force base, California, where the first six foot (two metres) long model of such an interceptor hovered in the air using small thrust engines, defence officials said.

Picture shows the flight test at the Air Force Systems Command's Astronautics Laboratory. (Reuter wirephoto)

UK rejects call for missile talks**Differences with Kohl**

LONDON, April 28. (Reuter): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said yesterday NATO would be foolish to negotiate with the Warsaw Pact on reducing short-range nuclear weapons as demanded by West Germany.

Rejecting a fresh call for negotiations by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Howe said such talks would weaken the West's defences.

"We believe it is essential to recognise the need to keep short-range nuclear weapons available and up to date," he said in a British television interview.

Friday's Xinhua report was significant in that it did not accuse the students of calling for the overthrow of the government. Most students say they only want the leaders to do their job better and respect human rights.

Thursday's march was led with a poster reading, "uphold the righteous leaders of the party."

The afternoon television news broadcast a videotape of the march but repeated a warning that the march was illegal and that students unions which had organised the march were breaking the law.

The People's Daily, the newspaper of the Communist Party, also ran a re-cap of the previous two weeks of disturbances in an attempt to calm the students' anger.

It is important to recognise the common ground that we start from. Certainly a very short time ago we all agreed on the need to maintain our conventional and nuclear capability in up-to-date agreement.

Walters suggested he fears disaster for the NATO if member nations decide to pursue their own interests without consideration for NATO's common good.

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Babies through new method**First gift of ZIFT**

NEW YORK, April 28. (AP): Two babies born this month apparently represent the United States' first birth from a new technique to place fertilized eggs in a woman's fallopian tubes without surgery.

One girl was born April 9 by normal delivery, according to a spokeswoman at the University of California at Irvine, and a second girl was born by Caesarean section on April 12, according to the Genetics and IVF Institute of Fairfax, Virginia.

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US shuttle Atlantis ready for blast off

CAPE CANAVERAL, April 28. (UPI): The space shuttle Atlantis moved through the final stages of a smooth countdown today as space agency officials prepared to launch the first US deep-space probe for more than 10 years.

The new US Ambassador to West Germany, Vernon Walters, warned yesterday against any attempts by individual Western alliance nations to unravel trans-Atlantic NATO commitments.

Walters did not identify any nation, or say if he was referring to the current disagreement between West Germany and the US over modernising short-range nuclear weapons.

West Germany has called for superpower talks on reducing the US and Soviet tactical arsenals.

Walters did not mention the dispute in an address to the Atlantic Bruecke (Atlantic Bridge), a Hanover-based forum for West German-US discussions on military and other matters.

The ambassador said nuclear weapons must remain a key component of NATO's strategy of deterrence.

Walters suggested he fears disaster for the NATO if member nations decide to pursue their own interests without consideration for NATO's common good.

Launch crews have a 23-minute "window" to get Atlantis off the ground, after which the flight would have to be put off for at least 24 hours.

The three-man crew of the Mir space station returned safely to Earth early yesterday, leaving the orbiting station unmanned for the first time in two years in what is partly an economic measure.

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Heinz receives blackmail threats

Baby food scare widens

LONDON, April 28, (Agencies): Heinz, one of two baby food companies in Britain whose products have been deliberately contaminated, said yesterday they received blackmail threats but would not pay any money to extortionsists.

Nails, razor blades, small pieces of broken glass, tacks, caustic soda and needles have been found throughout Britain and the Republic of Ireland in over 50 items of baby food produced by US-owned H. J. Heinz and the British company Cow and Gate.

"Heinz ... have not paid any blackmail money. Nor will they do so," a company statement said. "Heinz have always insisted that public safety is paramount. The safety of babies is our overriding concern."

But a spokeswoman for Cow and Gate said the company "has not received any threats of blackmail or threats of any other nature."

Scotland Yard's regional crime squad said the two companies offered a £100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the contamination.

According to one Member of Parliament the baby food was tampered with after it left the factories.

At the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, about 170 miles (273 km) southwest of London, Peter Vicary, manager of the paediatric unit, said a six-month-old girl had spent the night in the hospital suspected to having swallowed glass that was in her baby food. She left the hospital yesterday when no glass was found in her system.

Two other babies were admitted to hospitals in Leeds and Leicester.

Carol Smith, who found glass in her daughter's food, said she "was in an absolute panic."

The first reported incidents of contaminated food came two weeks ago. There were five cases reported before police issued a statement on April 26 that blackmail threats were made against Heinz, who sell over 170 million packages of baby foods in Britain annually.

The contamination began in southeast England, but spread throughout the British Isles with incidents yesterday in the Irish Republic of Drogheda, 30 miles north of Dublin, and Waterford.

Heinz said withdrawing its goods from stores would not solve the problem.

"A general withdrawal would not solve the external tampering. The problem would re-appear at any future date on Heinz products or any other food products sold in grocery outlets," a statement said.

Home Office Minister John Tosheland told Parliament on Wednesday the police had "considerable evidence" the foods



A British lady holds her baby after finding five pieces of broken needle in a jar of chocolate pudding. (Reuter wirephoto)

were tampered with after they had left the factory and he warned parents to check the seals on pots of baby food to see if they had been opened.

"It is difficult to imagine the twisted minds that could mount such a vicious attack on defenceless babies," Patten said.

Ted Smyth, a senior executive of Heinz, flew to London yesterday.

Asked about British news reports that some unnamed companies had handed over a total of £50,000 to extortionsists, Smyth said: "We (Heinz) are determined not to pay blackmail money to the thugs who are doing this. It would only encourage other blackmailers."

No babies have been seriously injured but the spiking incidents dominated national news bulletins and newspapers carried banner headlines such as "Terror of baby food blackmail" and "Who is trying to kill our babies?"

Scotland Yard police headquarters has launched a nation-wide hunt for the culprits.

In Brussels, the Belgian Health Ministry warned the public to pay special attention to baby

Cyanide fumes killed victims of London fire

LONDON, April 28, (Reuter): Many of the 31 people who died in a fire at London's busiest underground railway station were killed by cyanide fumes from gloss paint in an escalator shaft, an expert said on Wednesday.

Toxicologist Dr Patrick Tosheland said 17 of the victims he examined after the 1987 disaster at King's Cross station had inhaled cyanide, which kills within minutes.

He said it would be misleading to suggest the death toll could have been much lower but for the paint fumes.

Tosheland was commenting on a report in the Times newspaper which said at least 23 people died from cyanide poisoning, several only seconds away from suitcases out of the fume-filled station.

It said the fumes came from an anti-graffiti gloss paint on the ceiling above the wooden escalator where the fire began.

Tosheland told Reuters he had not been aware of the paint in the station ticket hall died from cyanide poisoning before being burned.

"Some people died from carbon monoxide and cyanide because they were breathing both at the same time. It's simply that they died quicker from cyanide than carbon monoxide," he said.

"They would probably have died from burns or from carbon monoxide instead of cyanide."

Largest jackpot

14 brick makers win record \$100m lottery

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 28, (Reuter): Fourteen brick factory workers claimed yesterday to have won the record \$100 million Pennsylvania lottery, but millions of other bettors crumpled up their tickets and round the world, lottery experts said.

The previous US record, \$69.9 million was shared by four winners in Illinois earlier this year.

As the Pennsylvania jackpot grew so did "Lotto fever." Border towns and cities reported a crush of out-of-staters and waits of up to eight hours to buy tickets.

Officials drew 11 numbers on Wednesday night. Anyone who had seven of the 11 would be a jackpot winner. The odds against having seven correct numbers were 96 million to one.

The numbers drawn were: 6, 16, 24, 34, 35, 37, 40, 41, 45, 66 and 71.

A nation of bettors focused

their attention on Pennsylvania this week as the state's lottery jackpot totalled more than \$100 million after four weeks of failure to find a winner. It was the largest jackpot for a single lottery drawing both in the United States and around the world, lottery experts said.

George Andersen, deputy director of the state's lottery, said the 14 factory workers were en route to Harrisburg from the neighbouring state of Ohio to claim their victory.

He said their ticket would be received but there would be no validation until computers had completed scanning all 87 million tickets bought for Wednesday night's drawing to see if anyone else would share in the prize.

Lottery officials said the winning workers were a foreman and 13 press mechanics from an Ohio brick factory.

A nation of bettors focused

Bush on war-path against illicit drugs

MIAMI, April 28, (Reuter): US President Bush urged the chemical industry yesterday to do more to keep chemicals from being diverted for use in producing cocaine, but an industry spokesman said his remarks were an unwarranted attack.

Bush made the war on drugs his theme on the fourth and final day of a coast-to-coast political tour marking his first 100 days in office.

"We would like to see US chemical manufacturers demonstrate their courage and civic responsibility by entering into a true partnership with our government as we try to stop narcotics at their source," the President said. "They should make it

their job to join in."

He spoke to a conference of drug-endorsement agents attended by representatives of 30 countries.

"Industry's got to do more," Bush said in his speech, referring to US-made chemicals like ether and acetone used to refine cocaine. "And I hope that parents groups and stockholders are listening today."

"We should demand that US corporations act responsibly, and that they not tolerate their chemicals winding up in criminal hands."

Jeff Vann, a spokesman for the Chemical Manufacturers Association, a

trade group of chemical companies, said Bush's remarks were "frankly an attack on our industry. It's not only uncalled for, it's wrong."

"We think the President's been misinformed or at least ill-informed about what chemical manufacturers are doing to keep their products from being stolen from international commerce," Vann said.

He said Bush appeared unfamiliar with the chemical diversion and trafficking act of 1988 aimed at blocking the diversion of chemicals to producers of illegal cocaine.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Bush would like chemical companies "to work with us on this problem."

It's not enough to say "we didn't sell them to the drug producer..."

Bush also called for a formal agreement between the US and its neighbours to wage a war against illicit drugs.

"I ask that the leaders of the Western hemisphere, whose nations are afflicted by this scourge, join with me to work together toward a hemispheric compact on drugs — a mutual commitment of resources and energy to ensure a brighter day for the children of the Americas," he said.

Britain is helping Turkey stem the flow to Europe of heroin and other drugs from Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan, a Turkish security officer said yesterday.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Hefner to marry playmate

LOS ANGELES, April 28, (Reuter): Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner, who used to call marriage "the death of hope," will wed 1989 playmate of the year Kimberly Conrad on July 1, a spokesman said on Wednesday.

The ceremony will be on the grounds of the luxurious Playboy mansion in Los Angeles where Hefner, 62, proposed to Conrad, 26, last summer. "I didn't believe that Hef would get married," the future bride said at the time.

Fasten seat belts or get fined

ROME, April 28, (AP): Drivers and passengers in this car-mad country will have to use seat belts and keep youngsters in the back seat, the government says.

A communiqué from Premier Ciriaco de Mita's office Monday said people who fail to wear seat belts will be subject to fines ranging from 12,000 to 50,000 lire (\$9 to \$37).

The regulations, became effective yesterday, do not apply to pregnant women. The new rules also require babies and toddlers to be in car seats and relegate children up to the age of 12 to the back seat.

The regulations were drawn up by the ministries of the interior, public works, transport and health.

Lawyer ordered to pay \$100,000

MACON, Georgia, April 28, (AP): A judge ordered a lawyer to pay more than \$100,000 to a man who remarried erroneously believing his divorce was final.

Alvin C. McDougald, 34, apparently never filed the divorce petition of Bobby Eugene Wood.

Judge Bryant Culpepper said McDougald's actions had been "fraudulent" and were intentional, willful, wanton and were taken without regard to the consequences" to Wood.

Culpepper on Monday ordered McDougald to pay Wood \$50,000 in punitive damages, \$50,000 to compensate Wood for mental suffering and \$2,875 in actual damages.

Elvis Presley's house for sale

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, April 28, (AP): A man who owns a house in which Elvis Presley and his parents once lived wants someone to buy it and move it off its lot by May 1, but he wants the work done "with love and care."

Presley and his parents lived in the small brick house from mid-1955 until May 1956, said David Isom.

Isom said Sunday he wants to sell the home for \$45,000 or more and remove it. An auto parts store is to be built on the property.

"If this was Elvis week somebody would show up and buy it piece by piece and reassemble it at home," Isom said.

Isom installed a sign in the front yard proclaiming: "Elvis Presley lived here—1955-56—house for sale—move with love and care."

Car tears through bedroom

KINGSTON, Massachusetts, April 28, (AP): A sports car crashed into a house and tore through a bedroom but missed the couple sleeping there.

The car left the street, ran up a small embankment and hurtled through the air. It glanced off a pickup truck parked outside, crashed through the house and landed in a yard next door.

"All I heard was a big explosion and glass smashing and the wall came in and fell on me," said Ronald Viator, the owner of the house. "If they hadn't hit my pickup, they would have come through the wall and landed on top of my wife and me."

The driver of the car was taken to a local hospital with cuts and bruises and released. A passenger suffered a broken breastbone.

Spielberg, Irving divorce amicably

LOS ANGELES, April 28, (AP): Director Steven Spielberg and actress Amy Irving have agreed amicably to end their marriage after 3 1/2 years.

"Our mutual decision, however difficult, has been made in the spirit of caring. And our friendship remains both personal and professional," the couple said in a statement issued by publicist Robert G. Friedman.

"We have decided to make this statement public in order to protect the privacy of our family, which is of great importance to us," it said.

Eastwood denies allegations

Locke...d in a battle

LOS ANGELES, April 28, (Reuter): Tough-guy actor Clint Eastwood, normally a man of action rather than words, spoke out yesterday against the allegations of former lover Sondra Locke, who has accused him of persuading her to have abortions.

"I am deeply disappointed and saddened that she's taken this kind of action," Hollywood's "Dirty Harry" said in a statement.

"It will soon come to light that these accusations are unfounded and without merit. This matter

will be dealt with in an appropriate legal arena," Eastwood added.

Locke, an actress who was

Eastwood's live-in lover for 11 years, filed a "palimony" suit on Wednesday alleging Eastwood, 58, changed the locks on a home he had bought for her in the exclusive Los Angeles community of Bel-Air.

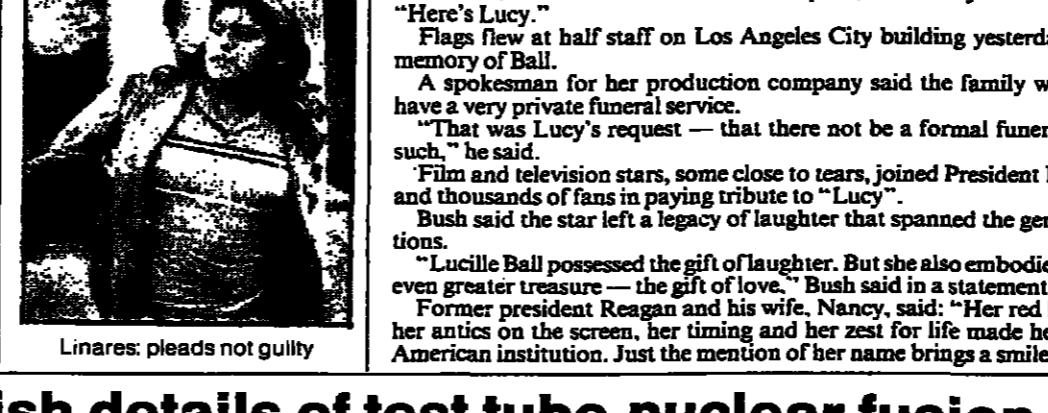
The court papers alleged he removed her clothes, pet parrot "Putty" and other possessions.

"As a result plaintiff has been forced to stay with friends and to borrow clothing," the complaint said.

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Linares: pleads not guilty

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fusion in a test tube. Few researchers trying to replicate the experiment have come up with any hard proof.

A spokesman at Britain's Harwell Laboratories, where scientists are trying to repeat the Fleischmann-Pons experiment, said nothing had yet been observed and they remained very sceptical.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier's audiences

KUWAIT, April 28, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah received at his diwan in Bayan Palace Wednesday Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, Minister of Electricity and Water Dr. Hmoud Al Rqobah and Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti.

His Highness also received the Governor of Ahmadi Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem, Board Chairman and Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij, Director of the Military Authority at the National Guard Brigadier Khalid Boosai and head of the Legal Advice and Legislation Dr. Abdul Rasoul Al Abdul Redha.

Sabah meets

TUNIS, April 28, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed received at his residence here yesterday Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saad Al Faisal and Omani Foreign Affairs Minister Yousef Bin Alawi Abdullah.

Well informed sources told KUNA that discussions during the two meetings tackled issues pertaining to the Lebanese crisis and means of ending the ongoing fighting there.

Water for pilgrims

RIYADH, April 28, (KUNA): Water flowing from the \$1.5-billion Taif-Makkah power and desalination plant will supply drinking water to more than a million hajis (pilgrims), as the 1989 pilgrimage season comes nearer.

The Jeddah-based Saudi Gazette said yesterday the power plant, the second largest in the western region, is one of the most sophisticated desalination plants of its kind, and nearly 3,000 engineers and workers were involved to complete the project on time for last year's Haj.

The Makkah-Taif pipeline goes through a 13-km-long tunnel cutting through the rugged Taif mountains. The tunnel is considered to be one of the longest in the Middle East.

The project which was officially inaugurated last year consists of five power station units with an output of 65 megawatt each and ten desalination units with a total output of 40 million gallons of distilled water per day.

Herbal treatment

MANAMA, April 28, (GNA): Bahrain's assistant under-secretary for public health affairs Dr Ibrahim Yaqoub has expressed his government's willingness to introduce the "conventional popular medical treatment approach" into its treatment programme with foolproof restraints to prevent complications.

He said that Bahrain was awaiting the outcome of studies currently underway at the World Health Organisation to establish the efficacy of popular treatment methods, in co-ordination with the World Health Organisation.

Dr Yacoub said there were a total of eight countries in the world which used herbs as part of their treatment methods, and that all medical facilities using herbal treatment were practicing under tight official supervision.

Energy courses

LONDON, April 28, (GNA): Reading University in England is offering courses leading to a degree in the field of alternative energy resources in the Third World countries, in which students are taught ways of developing energy resources for their countries.

According to a university source, a Bahraini student is currently conducting a study on the use of wind as an alternative energy source which poses no hazards to television transmission and is cost-effective.

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SUNSHINE SCHOOL
SALWA

27 arrested for alleged eve-teasing

Special vice-squad hauls in suspects

SALHIYA police station security personnel on Wednesday night arrested about 27 young men for alleged eve-teasing, loitering and moving about in a suspicious manner at Mubarakiya market in the city.

In a preplanned operation, security personnel quickly hauled the accused to buses belonging to the special vice-squads recently formed for this purpose by the capital govern-

orate.

The operation resulted from numerous complaints lodged by people at the police station asking for protection from such unruly hooligans. The complaints were in a large part submitted by girls and their families. The complainants stated that during Ramadan shopping at nights in preparation for the Eid Al Fitr next week, they were harassed by these antisocial elements in the

market.

All those arrested will be referred to the capital govern-

orate for investigation.

The Special Vice Squad was formed a few months ago for the specific purpose of monitoring and apprehending eve-teasers and those who are deemed to be described as anti-social elements in Kuwait.

The squad is comprised of dedicated officers and personnel who are determined in their efforts to effectively eradicate all

such forms of unruly behaviour and contribute to the sense of well-being and safety of all citizens and expatriates, a vice squad official said.

The official urged all citizens and expatriates not to hesitate in coming forward and lodging complaints whenever they are confronted by such episodes. Immediate and proper remedial actions will be instituted, the official said.

No fissures or cracks

KAC jumbos safe: Mishari

THERE is world-wide concern about the emergence of fissures and cracks in the fuselage of the jumbo jet 747 passenger aeroplanes, which are attributed to ageing.

The chairman of the board of the Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Ahmad Al Mishari, interviewed on this subject by a local daily, said that the four KAC 747 jumbo jet airplanes were fairly new and suffered no such problem.

KAC planes are regularly maintained and tested to ensure that they are in good working condition. Three of the KAC jumbo jets were due for technical testing in August 1990, while the fourth which is newest in the fleet would undergo technical testing after 1991, he said.

Safety assurance

He reaffirmed that the company is extremely keen on protecting the welfare of its passengers and ensuring their safety, and that for this purpose all KAC fleet of planes were regularly subjected to intensive technical testing and maintenance.

The Boeing Company is planning to introduce a few design alterations into the bodies of its four jumbo jets, and that this job would take from 50 to 60 days. Work entails installation of new power-operated furniture and seats, replace existing kitchen and convenience facilities, as well as ceiling pads and luggage lockers, and interior walls, Mishari said.

He added that the pilot's cabin would be expanded and developed, and a new wind-shear system, a sophisticated anti-collision early detection system (TCAS) would be fitted into the machinery of planes.

He also said that the Boeing

manufacturers would, as agreed, provide the other companies with new technical equipment and contribute to funding the design alterations at differing percentages.

Summer rush
Meanwhile, the director general of the KAC Ahmad Faisal Al Zaban has said that the KAC is currently preparing to face up to the summer season exodus of citizens and expatriates.

KAC's plan in this respect included additional staffing of its main ticketing offices, provision of further passenger services, and reduction of red-tape procedure and time-consuming routine formalities.

KAC would be operating a total of 466 additional flights starting May 1, until mid September, 42 flights of which would be operational throughout the Eid Al Zaban said.

KAC had also allocated a special office at Hilali Street to attend to the needs of pilgrims to Makkah, and that reservations to the holy lands would be given as of May 15. There had been an agreement reached between KAC and the Saudi airlines to fix the price per return ticket to the holy land at KD113, which is the same price as last year, the official said.

He added that two airlines would be operational on the Kuwait-Saudi Arabia route with a total capacity of 5000 pilgrims, and that the Saudi airlines would operate 14 one-way flights from Kuwait to Arba at 3600 passenger capacity.

KAC would also operate 14 flights to Jeddah at 3600 passenger capacity, while the Saudi airlines would operate a few air planes between Kuwait and Madina, Zaban said.



Old Safat market opened

SHEIKH Jaber Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah, the Capital's Governor opened the Al Safat Old Market yesterday. In his keynote speech he said: 'The square played a significant role for several decades as a centre for social and commercial activities.' The ceremony was attended by Homoud Al Shayea, Chairman of Kuwait's Public Utilities Management Company and a number of senior officials and officers of the Capital Governorate.

120 hunting rifles seized

Ban on usage in populated areas

AHMADI security personnel recently seized 120 hunting rifles from hunters who were using them in populated areas in the governorate.

In a press release issued through the Ministry of Interior, public relations department, Brigadier Nasser Al Bader, director of security at Ahmadi Governorate stressed that security agencies in the governorate are keen to prevent hunting with rifles in populated areas. Any violator is liable to have his rifle confiscated, the official said.

Bader was replying to some newspaper columnists who have complained of the dangers involved in hunting in populated areas. Zabed Matar's 'Day By Day' on Arab Times and Searasah have repeatedly complained that hunters make it a habit to practice their hobby in particular in Waifa farms and chalet areas in

the Ahmadi governorate. A local daily last week reported that a group of hunters shot a chalet guard in the eye for preventing them from hunting near a chalet.

Brig. Bader said that the Ahmadi governorate has been always paying great attention to this sensitive matter. It has been co-operating with the public relations department in warning hunters at the beginning of each hunting season against hunting in populated areas. He said that use of hunting rifles is also banned in areas where oil installations are present.

Instructions have been issued to policemen and securitymen to ban the use of hunting rifles in populated and sensitive areas. A special team from the governorate's patrol command has been assigned to look after this important issue, particularly in Waifa farms and chalet areas in

He stressed that efforts to put a complete stop to this practice will continue until no further incidents and complaints take place. But he said that the forces face some difficulties in controlling the situation and stopping hunting in banned areas. He said that among these difficulties is that many hunters use their rifles from their private farms or chalets and thus the forces can't enter such private properties.

Brig. Bader said that the instructions received from the governorate are very clear in being strict in banning hunting in populated areas. He called upon the public to call the police and file complaints if they notice any violation. He also called upon the local press to contribute to enlightening the people, particularly hunters, about the dangers of using rifles in populated areas.

Agricultural authority begins establishment of new gardens

THE director of gardens and afforestation department of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth Abdul Mohsen Al Gallaf has said that the authority began recently the establishment of new public gardens in Mishref, Barwa, Salwa, Omariya and Farwaniya.

He added that the authority held several meetings to divide the shared functions with Public Works ministry and municipality. He added that it was agreed to transfer all beautification projects to the authority such as the projects at the motorways and the new gardens and those in Bayan Palace.

A number of similar projects under study will be referred to the authority such as the national parks, suburbs and projects of developing present gardens as well as studies on using treated sewage water in irrigation, he said.

Gallaf pointed out that the authority has carried out a number of projects to develop some fountains in different areas.

Some of them were completed and began working. The department invited local companies for five tenders to maintain and beautify agricultural projects that cover 60 per cent of these projects between the 5th Ring Road and the 1st Ring Road and from Arab Gulf Street and Airport Road.

The authority allocated a budget of KD2 million for these projects for two years. The authority contracts local specialised companies. The authority received beautification projects at the motorways from Public Works Ministry from the beginning of this month. The authority has a project to develop afforestation areas and maintain them.

He added that the authority invited local companies for establishing a central nursery to provide different agricultural projects of the authority with plants and trees. It also has a plan to build another nursery in Shidadiya area to finance the present afforestation projects, he said.

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Aid by Kuwaitis lauded

THE chairman of the International Islamic Charitable Organisation Yousef Jasem Al Hajji has lauded the sincere cooperation by citizens and residents in Kuwait.

This co-operation is directed at protecting the various interests of Muslims, support their religious cause, and assist in eradicating illiteracy, disease, and joblessness, as well as protect them from the influence of foreign missionaries who seek to convert them by taking advantage of their situation.

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Action Line

PLEASE clarify the immigration laws applying to a minor who was born in Kuwait, lives and studied for most of her life in the country. She has a valid passport and residence permit. She is currently studying overseas. Unfortunately she overstayed abroad (that is more than six months). Will she be allowed to enter Kuwait on producing a school certificate. What is the best procedure for her to join the rest of the family.

M. Bashir

YOU have not mentioned whether you have taken permission from the department of immigration before your daughter went abroad for studies. It is advisable to obtain prior permission to avoid difficulties at a later stage.

If you did not take prior permission, please approach the immigration department and apply for a visa. If she is under 21, she is eligible for a dependant's visa, provided your application meets the requirements of the ministry. If she is over 21, you can still apply for a visit visa.

MY daughter is studying abroad. During her last visit to Kuwait, she obtained a dependant visa for her, which has since expired. She stayed outside Kuwait for more than six months. She will graduate this year, and will return to live with me as a dependant. What is the procedure of getting a dependant's visa.

Galal Mustafa

YOUR daughter is eligible for a dependant visa if she is under 21 years old. If she is above 21, you will have to bring her on a visit visa. Please obtain the visit visa application form, available at the immigration department, fill in the form and have it signed by the sponsor. When you submit the application form, you will have to produce a salary certificate and a photocopy of your Civil ID card. The sponsor must have a valid residence and must submit the application form in person.

WHAT is the difference between a Visa No. 18, 20 and 22 and the so-called transferable residence.

Sam

A PERSON who enters the country to work is given a Visa No. 18, a work permit. This is a transferable visa, provided the applicant has worked for a sponsor for more than three years.

Visa No. 20 is for domestic employees. A person who enters the country on such a visa will not be able to change his or her job and transfer the sponsorship to another employer. Visa No. 20 is a non-transferable visa. Unless a sponsor agrees to give a release, and is accepted by the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Visa No. 22 is given to the dependants — wife and children. Persons holding dependant visas are not allowed to hold jobs; a dependant visa is given to the families of people who earn a minimum of KD450 in the public sector and KD650 in the private sector. Issuance of such visas is strictly restricted.

I'M employed as a maid. My sponsor is from Sweden. He has made a two-year residence, valid until Nov 28, 1989. But his contract in Kuwait has ended and he will leave the country by the end of June this year.

Please tell me if I must change my residence before my sponsor leaves Kuwait or if I can collect the documents — release letter and other papers — from my employer and apply for a change before my own visa expires in November.

J.B. Dawood

YOUR sponsor's presence is essential to transfer a domestic visa. He must complete the formalities and give you a release before his departure from the country.

MY family went to my country in April 1988 and overstayed. According to the new rules, their visas have become invalid. Now, I want to bring them back on a visit visa or a family visa. Do I have to cancel their old residence?

K. Balagopal

AN official of the Immigration Department said you don't have to get the old residence cancelled at a Kuwait embassy overseas. The residence is cancelled on arrival at a Kuwait port. But you must obtain a new NO Objection Certificate (NOC) to bring them here. NOCs are given to people over 21 years old.

P.C.

I'M working as a staff nurse in one of the hospitals in Kuwait. I would like to bring my two year-old son, who is alone in my native place. Can I sponsor my child?

Jersey T.M.

AN immigration official said it is possible to bring your child. You will have to submit the necessary documents: an application form, letter of employment, a copy of your Civil ID card and a salary certificate. Your application, he said, will be considered. However, he said, the department reserves the right to accept or reject an application.

A LADY came to Kuwait on her husband's visa in May 1978. In 1979, she joined a private school as a teacher and her residence was transferred. In case she does not want to renew her contract, can she revert to her husband's sponsorship?

Abdel Karim

It is possible to revert to a husband's sponsorship. But it's not easy to do that. First, her sponsor will have to cancel the visa and obtain a 'cancellation' from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. The same ministry must also permit the transfer of residence, which can

Tehran names 20 detained for spying

ATHENS, April 28, (Agencies): Iran has named seven military officers and 13 civilians, including two clerics and a "pseudo-theologian," among those arrested recently on charges of spying for the United States.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Information Minister Mohammad Mohammadi-Reyshahri as saying one brigadier, three colonels, two captains (apparently naval) and one commander were among the military personnel arrested.

Monitored in Athens, IRNA said the civilians included two clerics and a man the news agency identified as a "pseudo-theologian," a term Iran normally uses officially to describe clerics opposed to the government.

Others among the civilians included a Foreign Ministry official, an expert in the oil ministry, and an employee in the Shiraz Petrochemical Complex. All were apparently Iranians.

Reyshahri said the alleged spies were linked to the headquarters of the US Central Intelligence Agency in Wiesbaden, on the outskirts of Frankfurt, West Germany.

Aware

IRNA said "West Germany and one of Iran's neighbours" co-operated with the CIA. The minister did not identify the neighbour but said "the CIA agents used to go to West Germany via that country."

Iran became aware of the "network of spies" in 1985, but began making arrests only "a few months ago," the minister said.

Reyshahri said Iran had broken up "highly intricate CIA network" and "two other espionage networks" made up of Iranian opposition groups.

The two opposition groups involved included the Baath-based Mujahedeen Khalq Organisation, and others identified as "monarchs".

The minister said the "spy networks" were organised by the United States in an "attempt to infiltrate the Islamic republic system and divert the revolution in the next decades."

Opposition sources outside Iran said the people being identified as "US spies" tried to stage a coup d'etat by assassinating spiritual and political leader Ayatollah Khomeini, but failed. Reyshahri co-ordinates intelligence as security in Iran and reports directly to Khomeini.

The minister "identified the ringleader of one of the two (opposition) networks" as Masoud Baravand but declined to elaborate for the time being," IRNA said.

The CIA's "failure to train and despatch mercenaries to Iran forced it to hunt and invest on various hirelings inside the country in order to carry (out) its dirty work," IRNA quoted Reyshahri as saying.

Washington last week denied it had spies working in Iran. "We don't know what they are talking about," White House spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said.

Purposes

Reyshahri said "The CIA had recruited its hirelings mainly from among those Iranians calling at US embassies abroad for various purposes such as visit visas to America."

He said the CIA "carried out acts of terrorism and sabotage in Islamic Iran including assassination of high-ranking officials."

The United States "must be sued for its involvement in creating spy cells and field squads in the military, thus violating the Algiers accord" on non-interference in Iran's internal affairs, the minister said.

The West German Foreign Affairs Ministry yesterday summoned the Iranian ambassador in Bonn, and officially rejected an Iranian claim the Bonn government was involved in an alleged CIA-backed spy ring in Iran.

A foreign affairs spokesman said the authorities told the envoy, Mihdi Abari Mostafavi, the Bonn government "strongly rejected the indefensible claims."

Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi said yesterday he is not planning to run in the presidential election due in August, when President Ali Khamenei's second term in office expires.

The official Iranian news agency said the prime minister, who was earlier expected to run against Parliament Speaker Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, "gave a negative response" in an interview, when asked if he would run for president.

Iran is believed to have detained one of 18 Britons it has ordered to leave the country, Britain said yesterday.

A foreign office spokesman said John Bowden, a British businessman married to an Iranian, was thought to be held in connection with fraud allegations.



Protest march

HUNDREDS of Afghan refugees staged a protest march in New Delhi and burned an effigy of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on Thursday, the 11th anniversary of the Marxist revolution in Afghanistan.

The demonstrators, who support the Muslim rebels fighting Afghan government troops, waved banners and shouted slogans against the Soviet Union and President Najib's Moscow-backed

government. Many wore arm-bands and scarves in green, the colour of Islam.

"Long live Afghanistan, down with Russia, down with communism," they shouted while marching to laws near parliament.

Picture shows an Afghan refugee girl leading the march near the Indian Parliament.

(Reuters wirephoto)

Rebels rocket Kabul, 23 killed

US, Soviet Union clash at UN

KABUL, April 28, (Agencies): Muslim rebels marked the 11th anniversary of Afghanistan's Marxist revolution yesterday with a rocket barrage on Kabul that killed 23 people and wounded 60, state television said.

Government officials said all the victims were civilians but hospital sources said three soldiers guarding a barracks in central Kabul had died.

A spokesman for the Jomhuri Hospital told Reuters by telephone that 43 casualties had been admitted, eight of whom had died later.

Kabul television also said security forces discovered explosives in a busy district of the capital, foiling a mujahedeen attempt to cause a major explosion.

The government said 54 rockets landed in residential areas, mowing down victims in a hail of metal fragments, and that military and government ins-

tallations had also been targeted in attacks that lasted from before dawn until sunset.

The attack was one of the fiercest on the city of 2.5 million people since the last Soviet troops left Afghanistan on Feb 15, leaving the government of President Najibullah, to defend itself against an alliance of mujahedeen rebels.

At the United Nations the Soviet Union and the United States have traded charges of hypocrisy, lies and bad faith in one of their most acrimonious public exchanges about Afghanistan before the Security Council.

Ambassador Patricia Byrne, US representative to the council, and Soviet Ambassador Alexander Belonogov, Council President this month, clashed on Wednesday over the issue of US and Pakistani support to Afghan rebels and Soviet support to the Kabul government.

He said the case against Lockheed — maker of the C-130 that crashed — was an attempt to make the firm reveal the results of an investigation by US and Pakistani authorities, which he alleged was being hushed up.

"My purpose is ... sue Lockheed for negligence and then they will have to prove whether it was mechanical failure or sabotage," he told Reuters.

He said he suspected a foreign power, backed by senior officials in Pakistan, was behind the crash in which Pakistani armed forces chief Akhtar Abdul Rehman Khan and the American ambassador to Pakistan were also killed.

Ijaz-ul-Haq said his lawyers would take legal action against the state-owned Pakistan Times, Moshirul, and Musawat because of a campaign launched against his family after he announced he was entering politics in Pakistan on March 31.

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Warrants issued for arrest of Hezbollah members

PARIS, April 28, (Reuters): A French magistrate investigating bombings in Paris in 1986 has issued international warrants for the arrest of seven members and leaders of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group in Lebanon.

The warrants are unlikely to be served but they mark an important step in France's efforts to track down those who carried out bombings which killed 12

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Uprising leaders reject polls

3 die, 74 injured as violence flares

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 28, (Agencies): A car exploded outside Jerusalem police headquarters today wounding the Palestinian driver who police said may have been trying to plant a booby-trapped car bomb, while Israeli soldiers yesterday shot and killed three Palestinians and wounded 74 others in widespread clashes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Arab reports and hospital officials said.

Witnesses said the car blew up when the man from the Shufat refugee camp just outside Jerusalem started the ignition. Police found cooking gas canisters and flammable material in the car, which exploded behind the Russian compound jail and police headquarters. There were no other casualties or damage.

The spirit of gunshot wounds recorded yesterday by Palestinian hospitals brings to more than 225 the number reported injured in clashes with soldiers this week, but the Army says the number is being inflated for political reasons.

Meanwhile, an aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Israel will not offer an alternative to Shamir's election proposal despite rejection of the plan by prominent Palestinians from the occupied lands.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Israel radio that if Palestinians turn down the peace proposal, Israel must adopt a policy "of a more intense action of putting down first of all the violence."

This, he said, "will bring about, between half a year to a year, acceptance of the political way by elements in the Arab world and, first and foremost, in the territories."

The PLO-backed leadership of the uprising yesterday issued a leaflet rejecting Shamir's election plan, saying it was an attempt to divide the Palestinians and circumvent the PLO.

A day earlier, 83 prominent residents in the occupied lands also rejected it, calling the elections a ploy to end the uprising without giving the Palestinians what they want: an independent state.

Shamir spokesman Yossi Ahimeir reacted by saying the prime minister would not offer other proposals. "This is the best programme we can suggest to them," he said.

Shamir's plan calls for elections of local Palestinians to negotiate an interim peace with Israel, then talks later on the final status in the occupied lands.

Of the 154 reported wounded earlier in the week, the Army confirmed only 14.

The Army reported that soldiers yesterday ran into a violent protest in the Askari refugee camp near the West Bank town of Nablus and opened fire, killing one Palestinian.

The victim, Imad Muhammad Harb, 20, was shot in the chest, hospital officials said.

In the Gaza Strip, Ali Said Ghabraie, 30, died of a gunshot wound to the chest during a clash with soldiers after prayers at a mosque in Gaza City, hospital officials said.

Also in Gaza, 15-year-old Ashraf Samir Ead was shot in the chest during a protest in the town of Rafah and died en route to the hospital, Arab reporters said.

Of the 72 reported treated in five Arab hospitals yesterday, the Army confirmed eight Palestinians wounded. But it said it did not yet have reports from Gaza, where hospitals listed 60 wounded in more than a half-dozen clashes with soldiers.

Christian bishops in the Holy Land have no choice but to support the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation, Samir Kanty, the Anglican bishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East said.

The Daily Mail said it was the first failure in the heavy security surrounding Rushdie since he went into hiding two months ago after calls for his death by Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Khomeini accused the Indian-born author of blaspheming against Islam in his book "The Satanic Verses."

Abu lyad wants open dialogue

Act as a 'bridge,' American Jews told

WASHINGTON, April 28. (Agencies): Senior PLO official Salah Khalaf (Abu lyad) in an interview published here yesterday pleaded with American Jewish leaders to act as a mediation "bridge" between Israel and the PLO.

Also, he vehemently denied reports claiming he still wanted to eliminate Israel despite the acceptance of Israel and renunciation of violence last year by Yasser Arafat, Palestine state President and PLO leader.

Salah Khalaf, moreover, indicated the PLO might accept the "local elections" proposals by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir if they were part of a process that includes Israeli withdrawal from the Arab territories and recognition of Palestinian self-determination.

The "Washington Jewish Week," in publishing the interview it conducted with Khalaf in Tunis, claimed it was the first senior PLO official to resume last December after a 13-year gap.

But Clovis Maksoud, the League's ambassador to the United Nations, told reporters: "I am under the impression that he (Khalaf) does not oppose reopening it, but he wants to have the proper timing, the proper circumstances."

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Stressing Fatah's apparent interest in such dialogues, Arafat's right-hand man

(Jehad) was granted an audience with the American Jewish Congress.

Meanwhile, French President Mitterrand has moved to pacify the powerful French Jewish community, bitterly opposed to his meeting next week with Arafat.

Jewish leader Theo Klein yesterday released the text of a message from Mitterrand in which the President said: "To listen is not to approve."

The President's words, Klein said, were "a positive gesture which we had been awaiting with some impatience."

Nahalin massacre probe

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

MONEY is a stupid measure of achievement but unfortunately it is the only universal measure we have — C.P. Steinmetz, German-born electrical engineer (1865-1923).

OPINION

Lebanon on the path of peace

AFTER 15 years of war, destruction and death, comes the first true Arab move towards Lebanon represented in the first Arab proposed truce. The move has been presented in a manner that it must be applied.

It is now difficult to violate this Arab-sponsored truce. What adds depth and credence to this truce is that all the Lebanese support it and have agreed to its terms because all are simply tired of fighting against each other for the benefit of some other parties. Basically, they are tired of fighting proxy wars. They want Lebanon free and independent.

After 15 years of fighting and after Michel Aoun raised his voice reflecting for the first time the opinion of all Lebanese, the free Lebanese opinion has become loud enough to be heard.

Naturally, the crisis has greatly intensified, as also the civil war in Lebanon has intensified, but the crisis is on its way to being solved.

Without this intensification, no one could have believed that the Lebanese are fed up with the war and want a ceasefire and a free and independent Lebanon.

We are not their guardians to instruct them to do what is theirs to do rightfully in their own country. It is not our right to protect one sect against the other in a country like Lebanon — otherwise we should do the same in protecting some sects in India and other countries.

Explaining what is going on in Lebanon on the basis that aims at protecting one sect against the other, is unreasonable and unacceptable. Each sect is capable of defending itself within the framework of a national understanding. Has interference in the Arab countries internal affairs become legal? The decisions arrived at by the Arab six-man committee are truly Lebanese demands. Suffice it to state that all Lebanon welcomes these decisions.

During the last few days the bloody civil war took a new turning point in its brutality — reflecting the size of Arab disputes and many other aspects that enemies of the Arab nations benefit from.

This truce can in the end secure the withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon — except if these armies have turned into invading armies that do not want to leave.

The Lebanese have accepted the truce and now let us see if those fighting are truly Lebanese sides or simply Lebanese, but representing foreign interests.

What is now paramount and essential is that Lebanon is put on the path of peace. Those who might think of changing this path, or changing its course will certainly pay an expensive price. This is because they will now be facing all the Arab countries.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

PRESS REVIEW

Amir's humanity

KUWAIT. (KUNA): A Kuwaiti daily has praised H.H. the Amir of Kuwait for his foresightedness and his concern about humanity and the difficulties it is facing.

Al Anba daily said in a front page editorial that "no day passes without feeling HH concern about humanity."

"His Highness the Amir felt the suffering of the Lebanese people and from this point Kuwaiti initiatives were launched with the aim of pacifying war-worn Lebanon," the paper said.

"Far more His Highness had directed the sending of emergency aid to the victims of fighting in Lebanon and the provision of medical treatment in Kuwait for the wounded who could not be rescued there," it said.

Al Anba said this national and humanitarian attitude was not a strange one for everyone knows that there is a big room in the heart of this humanitarian leader for the world's problems which was crystallized in his stand towards foreign debts of the poor countries and his call to alleviate them.

"No doubt that he who gives concern to the problems of poor or sisterly nations is definitely preoccupied with leading his country towards development and progress coupled with serious efforts to end the state of stagnation in the economic sector."

"We are optimistic that the few coming days will witness the easing of the economic problem through honest co-operation between the government and the economic institutions," the paper concluded.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1429 — Joan of Arc enters Orleans, France, and wins victory over English.
1628 — Sweden and Denmark sign defence treaty against Duke of Wallenstein, bringing Sweden into the Thirty Years War.
1706 — Electors of Bavaria and Cologne are outlawed by Holy Roman Empire.
1781 — French fleet under Admiral Suffren prevents Britain from seizing Cape of Good Hope.
1826 — Liberal constitution is promulgated in Portugal for a hereditary monarchy.
1848 — Pope Pius IX disassociates himself from Italian National Movement.
1859 — Austrian forces cross Sardinian frontier.
1918 — Germany's main offensive on Western front in World War I ends.
1928 — British ultimatum forces Egypt to provide freedom of public meetings.
1945 — US soldiers fighting in Germany liberate 32,000 Nazi victims in concentration camp in Dachau in World War II.
1946 — Anglo-US committee advises against partition of Palestine; former Japanese leaders are indicted in Tokyo as war criminals.
1965 — Australia decides to send troops to South Vietnam.
1973 — Israel decides to expand civil rights of its 336,000 Arab citizens to reward Israel Arab community for loyalty.
1975 — US task force evacuates foreigners and Vietnamese by helicopter from Saigon.
1986 — Some Western experts say mishap at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Soviet Union could be worst civilian nuclear accident ever.
1988 — Israeli troops raid two villages in southern Lebanon to search for Arab commandos.

Soul-searching on expenses

Down-to-earth complaints on Soviet space programme

By Andrew Katell

MOSCOW, (AP): Soviets once danced in the streets to celebrate their country's space successes, touted as proof of socialism's superiority. But with chronic shortages of everything from toothpaste to housing, the cheers now are being drowned out by calls to spend the roubles on earth instead.

Once a source of tremendous national pride and a sacred cow, the Soviet space programme has become the latest target of criticism as President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's policy of "glasnost," or openness, unleashes long-suppressed public complaints.

Untold billions of roubles have been spent to put the first satellite in orbit — Sputnik in 1957 — and the first man in space — Yuri Gagarin in 1961 — and to achieve other feats seemingly designed largely for political, not scientific, purposes.

But more than 31 years after the beachball-sized Sputnik circled the globe, Soviet space exploration has not realised the prediction of Russian rocket pioneer Konstantin Tsiolkovsky that harnessing the cosmos would bring "mountains of bread and enormous power."

Soviets began soul-searching about expenses after a series of problems with the space programme that coincided with official pressure to cut a 100-billion-ruble (\$162-billion) budget deficit and burgeoning impatience at shortages of consumer goods.

In part for economic reasons, the orbital platform Mir, the space programme's showcase and designed as the first building block of a permanently manned space station, will have no crew for three months starting Thursday, when three cosmonauts return to earth.

The spending debate is reminiscent of the US public questioning the billions of dollars plowed into the Apollo project in the 1960s and '70s to put men on the moon while some Americans still lived in poverty.

The Soviet controversy spilled into the open early this year in the election campaign for a new parliament that will choose a legislature with budgetary power. Legislators will look at how to erase the red ink, and the space programme is a likely target.

Candidates who suggested the space programme be put on hold for five to seven years received some popular support.

The Kremlin already has reduced outlays for the military — another institution once outside public criticism. Last year, Soviet leaders announced that some defence plants will be converted to produce consumer goods, food and building supplies.

Adding fuel to the space-spending controversy were the November launch of the shuttle Buran, which cost \$10 billion to develop; the loss in September and March of two unmanned Mars probes at a cost of \$500 million; and embarrassing delays caused by technical problems and human error in the landings of the last two crews from Mir.

Opposition also grew when Soviet space officials, hungry for foreign currency, last month chose a Japanese television reporter — not a Soviet — for the first commercial trip to Mir. The price tag was \$11 million.

An angry public has flooded the Soviet press with letters. Articles have examined the space programme's cost and benefits.

"Isn't it too lavish to finance space? Perhaps it pays to stop until we fill the holes (shortages)," 10 readers suggested in a joint letter to the Red Army daily Krasnaya Zvezda.

Defenders of space exploration emphasize the benefits of technology and information transfers to the earth-bound economy. The Tass News Agency recently reported that more than 1.3 billion roubles (\$2 billion) were spent on Soviet space research last year, with economic benefits totalling 2 billion roubles (\$3.2 billion).

Satellites have gathered weather information, extended television and telephone service, aided ship navigation and located mineral and oil deposits, according to articles appearing in state-run media in defence of space research.



Mikhail Gorbachev

But other reports have said industry is not adequately using that information and technology, and have criticised the spendthrift attitude of government agencies involved in space.

"Every agency is pulling a blanket over itself, first and foremost a financial blanket," Pravda said this month. The Communist Party daily blasted the agencies for hiding the costs of space missions, and complained that the timber, agricultural and fish industries are not making extensive use of satellite photos.

Pravda charged that space officials also are "wasting billions of roubles that could go to the national economy" by not using Buran since its maiden flight. No date has been set for the next shuttle mission.

Pravda and other newspapers blame space officials for the loss of public support, saying they spoke only of heroism and successes and hid problems.

"Such propaganda not only did not inspire trust, but conversely alienated people from this sphere and took away their feeling of participation," wrote Vitaly Golovachev, the labour daily Trud's space correspondent.

Space scientist Roald Sagdeev, who has been elected to the new parliament, has said officials must work hard to save the programme

while acknowledging failures.

"We have one very serious task: to restore the people's faith, through glasnost, through truthful information that is honest to the end," he told colleagues recently. "We must show and prove to the people that without space, mankind doesn't have a future."

Some officials admit they have made mistakes, particularly in not doing more to put space research to practical use, and say they envy the United States for successes in that area.

"Our space technology is one of the most advanced. Naturally, if we do it right like the Americans and convert it to other fields, we can receive a big economic effect," said Viktor D. Blagov, Mir's deputy flight director.

Blagov, in a telephone interview, cited US space agency figures that for every dollar invested in the US civilian space programme, nine dollars are returned in technology benefits. Tass says the Soviet return is far less: about 1.5 roubles for every rouble spent.

In an attempt to offset costs, the Soviet space agency Glavkosmos is seeking foreign customers for satellite launching and hoping to sell crystals grown in Mir's zero-gravity for use in electronics, as well as medicines made on the space station.

Bloody events in Georgia show limits of media glasnost

Soviet newspapers, TV play down riots

By Peter Conradi

MOSCOW. (Reuter): Four years after Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev launched his policy of "glasnost" or openness, its limits have been exposed by the response of Soviet authorities and media to the recent bloody events in Georgia.

Only in the last few days has a full picture begun to emerge in the Soviet press of how troops used shovels and poison gas to crush a nationalist demonstration in the capital, Tbilisi, on April 9, which claimed 20 lives.

It took authorities, two weeks after the events, to lift a ban on visits by foreign journalists to the city — and then just to allow a small group of reporters on an official Soviet foreign ministry trip.

"Not a single central newspaper or television report has given the true picture of events," Lana Gogoberidze, a Georgian film director, told journalists at a packed Moscow showing of a clandestine video film of the events.

This approach, already employed last year during ethnic clashes over the Azerbaijani territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, is typical of the treatment of unrest and

discontent within the Soviet Union by virtually all the country's official media.

While the main television news "Vremya" is filled with images of violence and death from across the world, Soviet trouble spots are not shown or, as in Georgia's case, the viewer sees people walking peacefully in city streets and factories working normally.

It appears at odds with the policy of "glasnost" proclaimed by Gorbachev within weeks of taking over the Soviet leadership in March 1985 after decades of secrecy in official reports and news-papers.

"Why are they showing us pictures of the West Bank, why don't they tell us about Tbilisi?" asked one young man, sitting in front of his television in the Georgian city Sukhumi on April 9, hours after troops moved into the capital.

Three or four hours after the 4 am incident in Tbilisi, a Reuter correspondent in Sukhumi heard that turned out to be accurate rumours of the numbers of deaths and injuries in the Georgian capital, 400 km (250 miles) to the south-

east.

But while central Soviet television continued its usual programmes, the Georgian channel remained silent until the early afternoon when an announcer read a long official statement denouncing extremists and reporting the deaths.

The official Soviet news agency Tass waited 12 hours before giving its version of events, reprinted the following day in the Communist Party daily Pravda.

But even then, the Tass account appeared at odds with those obtained by Western reporters from local residents and with a detailed and apparently more objective version that was to appear in the outspoken weekly Moscow News 10 days later.

Tass said: "Regiments and units of interior ministry troops and soldiers strictly observed instructions about non-use of arms and caution, especially towards women and teenagers."

"But separate extremist groups armed with stones, sticks and metallic objects resisted furiously. Their action caused a crush in the crowd as a result of which 16

people died."

With few exceptions, accounts in other Soviet newspapers generally echoed this Tass version. A Georgian youth newspaper which gave a fuller report with pictures from the scene was stopped at the printers by local authorities.

Last week, a different version of events finally appeared in Moscow News and its assertions were backed by the clandestine video film, shown to around 600 journalists.

The Moscow News account was based in part on the testimony of a photographer from the weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta, apparently the only professional press photographer to record the events. His own newspaper did not print it.

The video film showed troops, backed by armoured vehicles, rushing a peaceful candlelit gathering, isolating and trapping small groups and pounding people, many of them women, repeatedly over the heads and bodies with clubs.

Bodies piled up in a mortuary had gaping wounds that could only have been inflicted by a blade, an apparent confirmation of reports that troops had used sharpened shovels against them.

The film also showed gas canisters being fired over the crowds and local doctors who said the victims were suffering from the effects of a poisonous gas which causes extreme irritation, pain and paralysis.

Georgian health ministry officials have confirmed that poison gas was used by troops against the demonstrators and local journalists have said at least two of those at the meeting have died of it.

Yet the central Soviet press was slow to pick up the charges and Moscow News said remarks by Georgian Health Minister Irakly Menagarishvili in an interview with Vremya on the use of poison gas and shovels were cut out of the broadcast in Moscow.

Both the area military commander, Igor Rodionov, and the commander of the interior ministry troops, Y. Efimov, denied the use of poison gas. Their comments were reported, unchallenged, in an interview with the Army newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda.

Islamic fundamentalists gaining ground in Egypt

1,500 extremists rounded up

By John Fullerton

ASSIUT, Egypt. (Reuter): Islamic fundamentalists are gaining ground in pro-Western Egypt where a massive crackdown has netted some 1,500 alleged extremists this month.

Activists charting the movement's resurgence say the various fundamentalist groups, ranging from moderate militants, agree only on their aim — the achievement of an Islamic society in the Arab world's most populous nation.

The groups disagree on method, but are seeing a solid growth.

"Growing? Yes, the Islamic movement is growing," said Muslim Brotherhood member Mohammed Habib, scrawling a graph line which rose sharply across a scrap of paper and culminated in a arrowhead.

The dusty university town of Assiut, 260 km (160 miles) south of Cairo, is one of the movement's several strongholds.

With about 35,000 students, it contains several of the resurgent Islamic trends apparent elsewhere in the Middle East, from moderate reformers to fiery revolutionaries.

"The aim is the same," said Habib. "They all want to establish an Islamic society in Egypt, with Islamic law. But their methods are very different."

Some commentators see widespread discontent over steep food price increases as providing Egypt's Islamic activists with a fertile recruiting ground.

"They've just appropriated the discontent," political analyst Saad Eddin Ibrahim said in an interview.

Because of their different tactics, the challenges the militants pose to government vary widely.

The authorities have rounded up about 1,500 suspected Muslim extremists since a gunbattle between demonstrators and police at a mosque in the oasis town of Fayoum on April 7.

Those detained included Sheikh Omar Abdellah, a blind theologian considered by some members of Egypt's outlawed Islamic Jihad organisation as their spiritual and legal mentor.

His arrest led to warnings by the clandestine group that it would take reprisals if any harm came to him in prison.

Islamic Jihad members were responsible for the assassination of President Anwar Sadat in 1981 and many militants are held in jail under emergency laws introduced after Sadat's killing.

Abdel-Rahman was charged and later acquitted of complicity in Sadat's assassination.

Habib said one factor in the growing popularity of Islam as an all-embracing way of life was a failure by successive governments to solve Egypt's economic problems.

"We've had many experiments and experiences in Egypt and they haven't worked very well," he said.

Prominent Cairo scholar Mohammed Abdel Qadeer said people were turning to Islam because socialism and capitalism had failed to satisfy their physical or spiritual needs.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Inflationary pressures mount

Japan LDP rams through budget

TOKYO, April 28. (Reuter): Japan's ruling party rammed the national budget through the lower house of parliament today in defiance of an opposition boycott that had stalled the bill for nearly two months.

Political analysts said the move would increase pressure on the embattled Liberal Democratic Party and its leader, Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who announced his resignation on Tuesday over the country's biggest postwar political scandal.

It was the first time in Japan's parliamentary history that all the opposition parties had boycotted the key plenary session convened to vote on the budget.

The opposition has refused to take part in any budget debates to back demands for a full disclosure of the Recruit donations-for-favours scandal, which has sent the popularity of the LDP plummeting to rock-bottom.

"We truly regret the absence of the opposition parties," said LDP member of parliament Tokuo Yamashita in a pre-

vote speech. "But as the only party with a sense of responsibility towards the people, we have decided to bring the (budget) bill to the vote."

Majority

While the LDP has a majority in both houses of parliament, it had been reluctant until now to use it to force the budget through for fear of causing offence in conservative-minded Japan.

Following Takeshita's resignation announcement, political analysts said the government had nothing more to lose by going ahead unilaterally.

"We cannot accept this outrageous act," Japan Socialist Party leader Takako Doi told reporters. "It is nothing but the LDP trying to hide the truth of the Recruit scandal. They are shameless."

The anti-LDP newspaper Asahi Shimbun denounced the unilateral move as reckless and high-handed and said the party had done it simply to try to put the lid on the Recruit scandal.

"I am really angry, it's outrageous," said one middle-aged office worker

interviewed on television. "I have always voted for the LDP in the past, but because of this, I will vote for another party next time," said a woman.

Move

A number of younger LDP members also boycotted the session as well to protest the unilateral move, Kyodo News Service said.

Takeshita is due to step down after the budget is safely shepherded through both houses of parliament, now expected by late May.

The budget for the 1989/1990 fiscal year beginning April 1 had been locked in a lower house committee for more than two months in a tug-of-war over opposition demands for testimony by former Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone on his role in the scandal.

Economists today said Japanese inflationary pressures seemed to be building after Tokyo consumer prices jumped 2.6 per cent in April but it was too early to raise interest rates.

OPEC advised not to experiment with oil

No stand on output rise

RIYADH, April 28. (Reuter): Six key Gulf Arab oil producers ended talks in Jeddah yesterday without publicly stating their stand on a proposed increase in OPEC's output ceiling.

International traders have been watching the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) talks for any hint of the outcome of next June's OPEC meeting when the organisation will review its ceiling for the second half of 1989.

Saudi Arabia and Nigeria, both founding and influential members of OPEC, earlier said any increase for the rest of 1989 should be divided among all 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

But a statement issued by the six GCC ministers just said the meeting discussed co-operation in the field of transporting and distributing natural gas.

Traders were also keen to find out if Riyadh would convince its Gulf allies, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), of

the Saudi-Nigerian stand.

Mohammed Barkindo, a special adviser travelling in the kingdom with Nigeria's Oil Minister Rilwan Lukman, said Nigeria was in favour of distributing any increase according to current pro-rata arrangement.

Official regional news agencies earlier reported the talks would focus on studying the extent of the increase in world demand.

OPEC set its quota last November at 18.5 million barrels per day (BPD) for the first half of 1989 and some media reports in the Gulf expected OPEC to raise the ceiling by one million BPD for the second half.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia advised OPEC not to "experiment with oil which is a sensitive commodity...there is no need for taking hasty decisions which will only cause more instability."

Qatar's Oil Minister, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani, was quoted by the Saudi Press Agency after the meeting as saying that all OPEC states were

abiding by their quotas.

His Saudi Arabian counterpart, Hisham Nazer, played down the importance of the GCC meeting and said it was routine.

Accord

The 13 OPEC states, who pumped 19.71 million BPD in March, are due to meet next June to review their current accord and Barkindo said any increase would be decided after close review of market conditions.

The king also stressed OPEC should only raise the ceiling if it found a real-demand on the market and without sending price back down after reaching about \$17 a barrel.

The GCC states hold 40 per cent of the world's oil reserves while their total production is equal to about half that of OPEC and the ministers agreed to meet again on October 15.

The economic and defence alliance, formed in May 1981, also groups OPEC member Qatar with non-OPEC producers Bahrain and Oman.

West's energy industry agonises

One incident follows another

LONDON, April 28. (Reuter): The West's energy industry was engaged in a new bout of agonised soul-searching yesterday after a safety scare forced closure of yet another installation and interrupted fuel supplies.

The latest incident was at St Fergus in Scotland where a plant which processed natural gas piped ashore from Britain's North Sea fields had to be shut down when routine inspection found a fault that, if not fixed, might have posed a safety risk.

Only some seven per cent of Britain's gas supply was cut. But such observers as Tony Blair, energy spokesman of the opposition Labour Party, saw wider significance in the event—latest in a series of petroleum industry upsets that have raised questions over safety, the environment.

Business executives voice dismay

"It is better to see more data over the next month before making a decision," said Seiji Nagano, economist for Yasuda Trust and Banking Co. Ltd.

The year-on-year Tokyo area price rise was the highest since October 1985. Compared with the month earlier prices rose 1.4 per cent, the biggest gain since September 1982.

"Evidence is pointing to domestic inflation, but on balance the (central) bank will probably wait a little longer," said David Pike, economist at UBS Phillips and Drew International.

Much of the surge in Tokyo prices was caused by the government's unpopular three per cent consumption tax on services and goods, which took effect from April 1. Monetary authorities are worried the new tax will be used as an excuse for further price rises, economists said.

"Having raised prices once, corporations could slip into a bad habit and raise prices further," said Pike.

"The Bank of Japan is worried about an inflation psychology developing."



Traders reach out hastily around a trading counter of the Tokyo Stock Exchange as shares rose to 33,484.36 at midday on Thursday after earlier rising to a record 33,565.07 on easing political tension (Reuters wirephoto)

Tokyo stocks surge again

Dollar mixed

LONDON, April 28. (Agencies): The dollar opened mostly lower on the European exchanges today.

In Frankfurt, the dollar opened down at 1.8750 German marks against yesterday's closing 1.8770. It was lower also in Brussels, at 39.40 Belgian francs against 39.42, and in Milan, at 1.373.50 against 1.375.20.

The dollar was higher in Zurich, at 1.6620 Swiss francs against 1.6560, and in Paris, at 6.3465 francs against 6.3450.

In London, the pound began the day up at \$1.6930 against 212.52 points or 0.63 percent, to close at 33.713.35. But buyers thinned in the afternoon ahead of the weekend and three days of Japanese holidays at the end of next week.

Buying was sparked early this morning by news that Tokyo consumer prices rose only 2.6 per cent in April from a year earlier, instead of over three per cent as some investors had anticipated, reducing the chances of an interest rate rise.

"The 2.6 per cent rise was within market expectations and gave the market an important psychological boost," said Shinji Yokoyama at Credit Swiss Investment Advisory Co.

Morocco relaxes exchange controls

RABAT, April 28. (Reuter): Morocco has relaxed exchange controls to attract hard currency transfers from a million emigrant workers whose remittances slumped suddenly last year.

In a circular to banks published today, the office des Changes Exchange Bureau said Moroccans resident abroad could in future open convertible foreign currency accounts in Morocco with a minimum of 500 dirhams (\$60,000).

The previous minimum was 500,000 dirhams (\$60,000) but bankers said only a few dozen accounts were opened because the minimum was too high.

Transfers from emigrant workers, most of them resident in Europe, slumped by 21 per cent last year to the equivalent of \$1.25 billion, slipping from first to second place behind phosphates as a foreign currency source.

Early this year Finance Minister Mohamed Berrada said he hoped to be able to abolish exchange controls by 1992 if hard currency reserves permitted.

Exchange controls are being gradually relaxed under a liberalisation policy.

Japanese firms win Iraqi deal

TOKYO, April 28. (Reuter): Japan's Nissho Iwai Corporation and Ishii Iron Works jointly won a five billion yen package deal from Iraq to construct oil tanks.

Iraq's state-owned Techne corp needs a total of 111 oil tanks for a refinery, to be built 60 km southwest of Baghdad, it said.

"The Japanese firms will also supply construction equipment for the project, which they said is the first major engineering order placed with Japanese firms since the August 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war.

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3. T9-027 Supply contract of Gray completion materials for two (2) years KD12/-
4. T9-028 Safety materials and equipments KD04/-
5. T9-029 Wiping rags KD12/-
6. T9-030 Telephone cable testing equipment and accessories KD04/-
7. T9-031 Power and telephone cables & other electrical materials KD08/-
8. T9-032 Telephone reporting system KD08/-
9. T9-033 Spare parts for Hitachi equipments KD04/-
10. T9-034 Byron Jackson pump spare parts KD12/-

Kuwaiti and Saudi merchants registered with A.O.C. may draw relevant tender documents from any of the company's offices during work hours as follows:

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29-04-89 to 10-06-89
Riyadh Office: 29-04-89 to 03-06-89

Saudi government request, asking the US to pay for the sending of an American specialist to the kingdom to help with writing business standards.

He added, "so we are asking our government to re-examine or evaluate any future request (from the Arabs) on an impartial basis with a view towards meeting the legitimate concerns of security but at the same time factoring in the trade loss," said Stockwell.

And the group stated that many more Americans would be seeking business opportunities in the Gulf if it not for paying taxes for working there.

Stockwell and his contingent also expressed alarm at the massive, apparent shift by the GCC countries away from the US as a defence supplier and towards Europe.

They claimed the Saudi Arabian purchase of some \$45 billion of jet planes and related gear from Britain had a disastrous effect on the US economy and labour pool.

Moreover, the losses were not only from the immediate sales but were increased by the billions of dollars in lost income from service contracts for aircraft and equipment over the years, they noted.

The American business also said they were, on the basis of a

delegation estimated that US government obstacles which include the anti-Arab boycott law—had helped reduce US-Arab business in the Arab Gulf by some 20 per cent overall in the past decade.

They said, moreover, that these impediments often had a "chilling effect" on Americans who had thought of doing business in the region.

The delegation estimated that the rise in the cost of living index was mainly caused by higher oil prices, which boosted light heating oil and fuel costs.

On Tuesday, another round of petrol pump price rises was announced by oil companies in West Germany. Pump prices

have risen between 15 to 17 per cent since January, with a litre of super leaded petrol costing 1.38 marks (74 cents).

Call to reassess US tax laws on Gulf Americans

WASHINGTON, April 28. (KUNA): American business executives stationed in the Arab Gulf states Thursday said they were telling US congressmen of the harm to US-Arab trade caused by US tax laws for Americans working in the region.

30 members of the "American business of the Gulf Arab states"—a few of the 16,000 now working and living in the region—are involved in a "door knock" campaign here, hoping to convince Congress and the Bush administration to "reassess" the taxation laws.

In the midst of a one-week visit, the businessmen hoped to see a total of some 200 politicians and administration officials.

A few of the delegation members appeared at a special press briefing at the Capitol to discuss their mission. The American media, both local and national, had been blanketed with press releases about the briefing. But the American executives, who had wanted Americans generally

to know of their plans, expressed dismay that only reporters from the Arab press attended.

Still, spokesman David Stockwell, a lawyer and businessman stationed in Dubai, said the view of the American politicians towards the tax laws was more positive than in previous visits to Capitol Hill.

Later, one delegation member, who works for a large aerospace and defence contractor, speculated the Congress' revolution over Israel's handling of the Palestinian intifada could have contributed to changing attitudes.

Stockwell observed that few Americans knew that their countrymen residing in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states had to pay US income tax.

Competitors
"Our view," Stockwell said, "is that by requiring Americans to pay US income tax, then our other major industrial competitors do not require their citizens to pay tax; it puts Americans at a competitive dis-

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	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN	BR VITA	259/0	258/0	REYNOLDSON	288/0	287/0	ROTHSCHILD	197/0	196/0
SHNEY LFE	LAST	LAPORTE	429/0	2ND ALLCE	883/0	884/0	NESTRAIN	239/0	238/0	ROTORK	163/0	163/0
SHN LTD	176.5	LASMO	467/0	600 GROUP	125/0	125/0	KEYWOOD	294/0	295/0	RUGBY GRP	188/0	188/0
SHD LYONS	457/0	LEGAL+GEN	315.0	A.AMER TS	436/0	438/0	HICKS HIL	241/0	242/0	RUTLAND T	45/0	46/0
SHISTRAD	116/0	LUMRHO	277/0	A.B.ELECT	408/0	405/0	HIGGS HIL	372/0	370/0	SAGA GRP	292/0	291/0
SHYLL GP	195/4	LUCAS IND	620/0	A.S.W.HUD	275/0	275/0	HIBRO CTY	47/0	48/0	SALE TUNY	208/0	209/0
SHDA GP	165/0	MAGNET	87.66	AAB KENT	101/0	101/0	HIGGS HIL	139/4	141/0	SCOT MET	169/0	169/0
SHAA	378/0	MARKS+SP	171/0	AAB HLD	400/0	401/0	HIBRO CTY	228/0	228/0	SCOT NFT	125/0	125/0
SHTR	372/0	MARVELL C	186/0	AACFORD	280/0	280/0	HIBRO CTY	439/0	440/0	SCOT NFT	197/0	197/0
SHAT IND	555/0	MB GROUP	206/0	AARONSON	112/0	111/0	HIBRO CTY	14/0	14/0	SCOT NFT	105/0	105/0
SHBARCLAYS	450/0	MECCA LEI	172.0	ADEST	174/0	173/0	HIBRO CTY	250/0	255/0	SCOT NFT	50/0	51/0
SHBASS	969/0	HEPC	568/0	ALEX WRK	190/0	190/0	HIBRO CTY	166/0	165/0	SCOT NFT	97/4	98/0
SHBEAZER	203.0	NEXT	143.0	ALEXON	378/0	378/0	HIBRO CTY	347/0	347/0	SCOT NFT	13/0	13/0
SHBEECHERS	629.0	NFT FOODS	302/0	ALD COLL	139/0	140/0	CATTLE ND	157/0	158/0	SCOT NFT	122/0	122/0
SHBFRISBORD	157.0	P & O DFD	672/0	ALD IR	317/0	317/0	JOS HLDG	146/0	146/0	SELCTV IP	16/4	16/4
SHBICC PLC	496.0	PEARL	412/0	ALD LDN	147/0	147/0	CAULDON	13/4	13/4	SEMA GRP	319/0	319/0
SHBLUE ARR	95/0	PEARSON	725/0	ALD PART	72/4	73/0	KALAMAZOO	34/4	34/4	SEMA GRP	125/0	125/0
SHBLUE CIRC	537/0	PILKINGTON	251.0	ALLIANCE	990/0	994/0	KELT ENGY	55/0	55/0	SHANDWICK	134/0	135/0
SHBOC GP	497/0	PLESSEY	262.0	AMBER DAY	53/4	53/4	SHARON	19/0	19/0	SHARON	250/0	252/0
SHBOOTS CO	290.0	POLLY PEC	316/0	AMEC	457/0	460/0	CHAS CHUR	116.0	117.0	SHIRE INV	350/0	356/0
SHBPS IND	243.0	RACAL ELC	433.0	ANMER TST	138/0	139/0	CHLORIDE	47/0	48/0	SHIRK GRP	154/0	154/0
SHBR COMM	215.0	RACAL TEL	352.0	ANSHERMAN	498/0	499/0	CHRISTIES	889/0	890/0	SINGER&FR	69/0	69/0
SHBR AIRWAY	194.5	RANK HVIS	348/0	ANT HLTIC	349/0	349/0	CO GROUP	50/0	50/0	SMITH D	279/0	280/0
SHBR AEROSP	576/0	RCKITTY+CO	157.0	ANGLIA SC	390/0	388/0	CLAYFORM	320/0	320/0	SOUND DIF	22/0	22/0
SHBR GAS RG	181.0	REDLAND	533.0	ANNSBACHER	77/0	78/0	COOPER F	161/0	161/0	SPRING RAM	247/0	247/0
SHBR LAND	585/0	REED	404.0	APPLEYARD	182/0	181/0	CRON	320/0	320/0	STODDARD	48/0	47/0
SHB.P.	291.0	RHM GRP	687/0	APV PLC	148/0	150/0	DAIRY ORD	210/0	210/0	STORMGARD	21/4	21/4
SHBR STEEL	84.0	RTZ CORP.	529/0	ASHLEY LA	101/0	100/0	DEAN	308/0	309/0	ASHLND OIL	196/0	196/0
SHBR TELCOM	268/0	ROLLS ROY	192.0	AUST REED	390/0	390/0	DIANE	190/0	190/0	ASHLND OIL	196/0	196/0
SHBURM OM	567.0	ROTHMANS B	494/0	AUTO SECS	276/0	276/0	DARLON	184/0	184/0	ATL CORP	258/0	258/0
SHBURTON	213/0	ROYAL INS	410.0	AVESCO	145/0	146/0	DEAN	190/0	190/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHCARLSWIR	502/0	SAATCHI	282/0	AVIS EUR	418/0	418/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHCADBURYS	348/0	SAINTSBURY	242.5	AVON RUBB	602/0	600/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHCALOR GRP	396/0	SCOT+NEW	300.0	B.MENNILL	243/0	243/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHCALTN COM	848.0	SEARS	123.0	BULLJAIL	526/0	528/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHCOATS VIT	165.0	SEGEWICZ	246.0	BULLJAIL	94/0	95/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHCOOKSONS	314.0	SHELL	406/0	BURK	248/0	249/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHCOURTAULD	330.0	SIEBE	478/0	BANK IR	305/0	305/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHDALGETTY	366.0	SLOUGH ES	329/0	BANKLIEV	51/0	52/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHDIXONS	146/0	STD.CHTR	537.0	BANKER IT	89/4	90/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHENG CHINA	528/0	STC	326.0	BARDON GRP	173/0	173/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHENTER OIL	404.0	STORENSH	172/0	BART DEV	201/0	202/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHFKI BARCK	169/0	BAT	360.0	BAYNES C	36/0	37/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHFERRANTI	105/0	SUN ALLIA	148.0	BBA GROUP	191/0	192/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHFISONS	304/0	BEN	316.0	BEATTIE J	161/0	162/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGATEWAY	189/0	TATE&LEYLE	253.0	BELHAVEN	51/0	52/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGEN ACCID	947/0	TYLER WOOD	628/0	BELLWAT	243/0	243/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGEN ELEC	238/0	TFR HSE	391/0	BEMROSE	236/0	235/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGLAXO	380/0	TSB	107/0	BENLOX HD	66/4	66/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGRANADA	364/0	T + N	210.0	BERKELEY	233/0	234/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGLOBE	172/4	TRUSTHSE	295/0	BH GROUP	134/0	134/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGLYNED	318/0	ULTRAMAR	306/0	BEATTIE J	171/0	172/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGUINNESS	208/0	UNILEVER	563/0	BLC LE 2	11/2	11/4	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGKNL	383.0	UNIGATE	348.0	BLOK LE	11/2	11/4	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGKT	467.0	UML NWSPR	442/0	BLOK LE	90/0	91/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHGMMR A	810/0	WELLCOME	76.52	BLOK LE	90/0	91/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHHANSON	192/0	WHYBD IN	369/0	BODDY SHOP	486/0	483/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHHARRIS C	190/0	WILLIAMS	265/0	BODDY SHOP	486/0	483/0	DEAN	350/0	351/0	ATL CORP	211/0	211/0
SHHUKER SD	702.0	WILLIS FB	222.0	BODDY SHOP	472/0	473/0</td						

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International Bond Highlights

ZURICH. The coupon on MOS Food Services Inc.'s 130 min Swiss franc issue of convertible notes due September 30, 1993 has been set at 1/2 pct. Banca Svizzera Italiana said. (XLCJ 0289) Manila: Finance Secretary Vicente Jayme said he was confident the executive board of the IMF would approve a Philippines request for a 1.5 billion min financial package when it meets on May 22. (XLCJ 0284)

Mexico City: The World Bank on Thursday approved a 250 min dl loan to Mexico to support industrial reforms, particularly in the textiles, auto parts and mining sectors. The Mexican Finance Ministry said, (XLCJ 0285)

Tokyo: A preliminary report by a Finance Ministry study group has recommended sweeping reforms of Japan's securities market, a easily Japanese banks oppose the proposal, saying it would give brokers an unfair advantage, sources said. (XLB 0437)

Paris: The first French government bond issue has been a total success. Pierre Bergey said. (XKU 1852)

London: The World Bank is determined to move quickly to help Thailand with its debt burden but will only aid countries committed to economic reform, the bank's president Barber Conable said on Thursday. (XKU 1715)

Washington: Rich countries are close to finishing a 1.8 billion dl package for Guyana to enable it to clear arrears with the IMF and resume borrowing. (XCG 2214)

Washington: The World Bank approved a 84 min dl loan for a natural gas project in Brazil. (XKU 1858) It is extending Indonesia 427.5 min dlrs for industrial development and health service improvements. (XKU 1849)

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	104	103.50	104	MUK IRON	122	122	123.50
ACC	309	310.50	311	GIFC	41.50	40.50	41.75	HAT INDEX	400.24	397.56	
ALEM CHEM	--	--	--	GRASIM	132.50	134	135	NIPPON	40	40	41
ALW NIS	--	--	--	GIFC	143.75	145	146.25	NOCIL	905	920	905
ASHOK LEY	84	84	84	GUJ ALKL	70	71	72	DRKAY	24.50	25.50	24.50
ASIA PAINT	205	202.50	201.25	HERO HONDA	27	28	27	PEICO	28	27	27
ATLAS COP	47	47	46	HIND CIBA	1050	1045	1080	PFIZER	75.50	75	80
AUTO CORP	81	82	83.75	HIND COCOA	110	108.75	108.75	PREM AUTO	192.50	188	191.25
BAJAJ AUTO	438.75	440	441.75	HIND LEVER	82	81.50	82	PREM AUTO	63.50	62	
BAR RAYON	490	492.50	485	HIND MOTOR	49.50	48.50	48.75	RANBAXY	116.25	112.50	116.25
BK BOND	152.50	150	152.50	HINDALCO	305	307.50	317.50	RAY WOOL	82	82	81.50
BLO PLAST	--	--	--	HOECHST	880	880	870	RECKITT	191.25	185	190
BON DYE	156	155.50	161	IND ORG	40.50	40.50	40.50	RELIANCE	134	134.50	136.50
BSE INDEX	761.24	--	--	IND RAYO	100	98.50	105	SESA GOA	49.50	48.50	49
BUR MEL	217.50	210	215	INGROD	326.50	326.25	323.75	SRI FIB	82.50	81.25	85
CANSHARE	190	195	200	INGERSOLL	365	350	360	SIEMENS	76	76	78
CEN ENKA	2800	2880	2850	ITC	91.50	92	95	SICI	2960	3000	2960
CEN SPG	1900	1900	1900	JK SYW	89	88	87	SPIC	58.50	58	59
DOLGATE	352.50	352.50	347.50	KIN ENGG	188.25	185	185	ST MILLS	520	525	515
CRONT GR	945	900	940	KIR CUMM	76.25	74	75	TATA CHM	121	121	120.5
DIC	13	12	13	KSB PUMPS	385	380	380	TATA OIL	70	68.75	70
DEEP FERT	30.50	30	30	L AND T	101.50	99.50	103	TATA POM	380	385	370
DUNLOP	57	90	95	LIPTON	83	81	80	TELCO	870	870	870
EAI HOTELS	70	55	57	MAC RUSSEL	123.50	--	--	THAPAG AGRO	--	--	--
ESCORTS	71	68	68	MAH COATS	99	97	99	TISCO	1432	1450	1455
ESKAYE	140	137.50	140	MAHINDRA	108	109	107	VAM ORG	160	160	170
ESSAR SPG	24.50	24.24	24.25	MAS SHARE	20	20.75	20.50	VARELI	31.25	30	32.50
FOOD SPL	211.25	211.25	209.50	MICO	645	635	645	VOLTAS	700	680	690
FORBES	50.50	49	50	MILKFOD	250	250	250	WIMCO	30	29.50	30
GAR POLY	76.25	76.25	76.25	MODI	118.75	120	117.50	ZENITH	67	66	68
GE SHIPPING	45.25	44.75	44.25	MRF LTD	455	445	447.50	ZUARI AGRO	65	60	65

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUBI CP	1640	1670	MITSUBI EL	1080	1090	MITSUBI EST	2550	2680
AEG	220.5	218.5	AJJINOMOTO	2750	2710	2710	MITSUBI KY	1120	1120	MITSUBI LY	2550	2680
ALLIANZ VR	1775.0	1801.0	AKAI ELEC	792	775	775	MITSUI CO	1160	1150	MITSUI EL	985	980
BADENWERK	190.5	190.0	AKOI	1520	1530	1530	MITSUKOSHI	2450	2430	MITSUKOSHI	1500	1500
BAASF	301.3	300.0	ASAHI GLS	2440	2410	2410	MITSUMI EL	985	980	MITSUMI LY	1500	1500
BAFER	301.0	300.5	ASAHI OPT	920	924	924	MICHICON	1660	1690	MICHICON	1600	1600
BAFER VER	400.0	403.0	BRIDGESTON	1580	1580	1580	MIKON CHNT	1310	1290	MIKON CHNT	1300	1290
BBC	445.0	443.0	CANON	1610	1570	1570	MIKKO SEC	1810	1760	MIKKO SEC	1800	1760
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Government authorised to withdraw deposits

Egypt seeks funds of Islamic firm abroad

CAIRO, April 28. (Reuters): One of the most controversial Islamic investment groups in Egypt has given the government authorisation to withdraw his deposits from foreign banks, the weekly Al Mousawar reported on Wednesday.

Al Mousawar said Egypt had approached several governments seeking help to release funds deposited abroad by Ahmed Tawfiq Abdel Fattah, former owner of the Al Rayan Group of Islamic Companies.

Funds

The Swiss government had asked for written authorisation to release the funds. Similar demands were made by West German and US banks, Al Mousawar reported.

Biggest UK takeover

Minorco claims control of Cons Gold

LONDON, April 28. (Reuters): South African-backed Minorco said on Wednesday it had won control of more than half the share capital of mining conglomerate Consolidated Gold Fields PLC in Britain's biggest corporate takeover battle.

Minerals and Resources Corp Ltd, the Luxembourg-based investment arm of South African businessman Harry Oppenheimer's gold and diamonds empire, said it had at least 54.8 per cent of Cons Gold after its £3.5-billion (\$6 billion) offer closed at lunchtime on Wednesday.

"We are naturally pleased at the market's judgment and will now consider very carefully what action to take," Minorco chief executive Sir Michael Edwards said after the result of the offer became clear.

The takeover battle started last September when Minorco launched a £2.9 billion (\$5-billion) bid for the British group.

Minorco is still blocked from taking over Cons Gold unless a New York district court judge lifts a temporary injunction obtained by Cons Gold and its US associate Newmont Mining Corp barring the purchase for further shares.

The judge refused on Tuesday to lift the order on grounds a takeover could create a monopoly in the gold mining industry.

A merger with Oppenheimer's interests, which include Anglo-American Corp of South Africa and De Beers Consolidated Mines, would create the world's biggest gold mining group with control of more than 30 per cent of output.

Grow more food plan to cover Kerala too

COCHIN, India, April 28. (Agencies): The government of India is actively considering inclusion of Kerala in the Agricultural Ministry's "grow more food" scheme.

This was stated here last week by Hari Krishna Shastri, Indian minister of state for agriculture research and education, while inaugurating a national conference on tuna fishing.

The minister said the overall development of marine fisheries in the country needed to be relevant to the weaker sections of the coastal population and wanted intensively to exploit the large scale tuna resources available in the exclusive economic zone of the country by involving small scale sector in a big way.

The minister said the industry was shying away from intensive tuna fishing mainly because of the non-availability of suitable vessels, gears and technological information, besides inadequate funds.

Efforts should be made by research organisations in this field to solve these problems, he said.

He said the government of India had decided to set up a Rs two-crore research technology training centre for agriculture and fishing in Kerala's Quilon district. The centre would also give training in processing technology, he said.

Interest rates have been almost doubled to 13 per



World Bank president Barber B. Conable (left) talks with Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita during their meeting at the Japanese premier's official residence in Tokyo on April 1. (Reuter wirephoto)

"We cannot give incentives to bad performance"

Conable sets terms for bank debt cut role

LONDON, April 28. (Reuters): The World Bank is determined to move quickly to help the Third World cut its debt burden but will only aid countries committed to economic reform, the bank's president Barber Conable said yesterday.

"We cannot give incentives to bad performance and expect it to be anything but a disaster," Conable told Reuters in an interview. "We cannot subsidise economic inefficiency."

Conable said expectations among debtor nations were running high following new US proposals to reduce international debt but he ruled out any global scheme, saying the strategy had to be different for each country.

The World Bank's board will review two papers examining the US plan on May 9.

Plan

Its sister organisation, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), is also studying the implications of reducing the Third World's \$1.3-trillion debt, with both institutions under time pressure to put together a package for Mexico by July.

Earlier this month the industrial world backed the plan floated by US Secretary Nicholas Brady — but nations

such as Britain and West Germany are concerned that new schemes will result in tax payers bailing out commercial bank creditors.

Neither the IMF nor the bank has qualms about setting aside funds for debtors such as Mexico to buy back loans from banks at a discount or to back the principal on bonds nations could issue in place of loans.

But Conable, in London for the Reuters annual luncheon, said the concept of providing support for interest payments to commercial banks on debt reduction schemes should be treated with much more caution and argued against any blanket guarantee.

"One concern is if we give generalised interest guarantees, it becomes a large charge against our capital, which affects our global responsibilities," he said.

Conable indicated that bank staff papers, to be distributed to executive directors today, argued for strict, prudential limits on any World Bank support to prevent its credit rating slipping on international capital markets.

The bank raises funds mainly through bond issues, passing funds on to poor countries at a rate linked to the cost of its bor-

owing. A fall in the bank's credit rating would increase the cost to debtor countries of its loans.

Conable was more receptive to an idea floated by the United States that the bank should put funds into an escrow account for a specific debtor country to fall back on and with which to make interest payments to commercial banks.

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UK trade deficit narrows

Interest rate pressure eases

LONDON, April 28. (Reuters): Britain's current account deficit narrowed to £1.2 billion (\$2 billion) in March, relieving immediate pressure on the government for a politically damaging rise in interest rates.

The treasury said on Wednesday higher non-oil exports and lower imports contributed to the improvement, which followed a February current account gap of £1.5 billion (\$2.9 billion), the third worst in Britain's history.

Market analysts had forecast a gap of £1.5 billion (\$2.5 billion) in the March current account, a measure of external trade including services such as banking and tourism.

Welcome

Analysts said the smaller deficit was welcome news for Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson but they remained cautious about the prospects for the economy.

Government supporters said the slowdown in growth of imports indicated Lawson's strategy of high interest rates to stem a consumer spending boom which created a record trade gap.

Interest rates have been almost doubled to 13 per

cent since last June in an attempt to curb spending and inflation which is running at an annual 7.9 per cent and has not yet peaked according to the chancellor's admission.

There had been fears that another set of bad trade figures would give the pound a tumble on foreign exchanges creating irresistible pressure for interest rates to rise again.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government was anxious to avoid an increase because of the unpopular effect it would have on home loans ahead of a parliamentary by-election and local government elections on May 4.

On the figures so far this year, Britain is headed for a annual trade deficit in 1989 of £18 billion (\$30 billion) compared with Lawson's forecast of £14.5 billion (\$24.7 billion).

Pessimism was reinforced by the threat of a national dock strike in the coming weeks and a sharp fall in North Sea oil exports as a result of accidents which have slashed production.

The treasury said exports in March totalled £7.4 billion (\$12.6 billion) with imports at £9.1 billion (\$15.5 billion).

Trade imbalances mar world economic outlook: US

WASHINGTON, April 28. (Reuters): The world economy is likely to keep expanding at least in 1989 but sustained growth will depend on success in controlling inflation and reducing trade imbalances, the US treasury said on Thursday.

Although the treasury report played down the threat of a worsening of inflation, it said prospects for bringing world trade into better balance this year were bleak.

"While the external adjustment process is expected to continue in real terms in key countries, further large reductions in major current account imbalances are not anticipated this year," the report, required by Congress under the 1988 trade act, said.

The US current account deficit, the broadest measure of trade in goods and services, fell by almost \$20 billion in 1988 to \$135.33 billion, as exports surged.

But with export growth levelling off and the price of imported oil rising, the pace of adjustment has now slowed, the treasury said.

Improvements

"In view of these developments, improvements in the US trade deficit for 1989 which had earlier been expected may be partly offset," it said.

Although the United States has had no difficulty in the past 15 months in attracting the foreign capital needed to plug the deficit, many private economists worry that the flow

of money could suddenly dry up again as it did in 1987, driving up interest rates and depressing the dollar.

The treasury said inflation in the main industrial countries had increased somewhat in the past six months but was likely to remain below four per cent in 1989.

"While the situation bears close attention in some countries, some factors suggest that there is not now a serious risk of a general acceleration of inflation," it said.

Inflation is likely to be held in check because of tight monetary policy in key countries, restrained wage increases, rising investment and the outlook for slower economic growth.

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Abdel Fattah is still being interrogated by prosecutors on the financial dealings of his group.

In a separate case, Abdel Fattah was sentenced last month to a total of 23 years in prison on fraud charges filed by nine Egyptians who failed to get back \$137,000 and 78,000 Egyptian pounds (\$32,600) they deposited with the group.

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Egypt to raise interest rates

CAIRO, April 28. (Reuters): Egypt, under pressure from Western creditors to undertake economic reforms, plans to raise domestic interest rates on May 1, Egyptian newspapers reported today.

Such a move would at least partly appease a demand by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for higher interest rates to attract Egyptian savings now held abroad.

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Gulf banking is 'back on track'

London, April 28. (KUNA): Gulf banks will build on last year's healthy profits with continued growth this year, predicted an analysis here on Wednesday.

Overall, 33 of 39 Gulf banks which had recently published their 1988 figures had increased profits, said the Middle East Economic Digest (MEED).

The London-based weekly remarked that "Gulf banking is back on track."

It added: "The improvement is due to a combination of increased revenue, mostly from interest income, and reduced expenses."

MEED noted that interest rates had been felt by banks worldwide, but Gulf banks had "benefited more than most" because of low cost funds.

However, the magazine injected a note of caution into its two-page assessment of banking in the region.

It quoted the National Bank of Kuwait's chief general manager Ibrahim Dabdoub, who told the Union of Arab Banks' conference in Madrid last month that "against the background of an over-banked and, in some cases, overbranched banking system ... we shall not be spared the growing spectre of the collapse of occasional small banks within our region."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Gulf Investment Corporation to boost lending

LONDON, April 28. (OPECNA): The Kuwait-based Gulf Investment Corporation is to increase its lending commitments this year to finance Arab industrial, agricultural and service projects, executive president Dr Khalid Al Fayez said Wednesday.

Speaking to the Arabic daily, "Al Sharq Al Awat," based here, he pointed out that the lending capability of the corporation was expected to grow to \$1.20 billion during 1989.

The corporation, he said, was expected to sign a \$400 million loan agreement with Qatar soon for the development of a gas project.

He noted that it would also extend \$220 million to Gulf Air and sign a \$500 million loan accord with Oman.

Al Fayez disclosed in the interview conducted in Kuwait that the corporation posted a net profit of \$1.72 billion at the end of 1988.

Surveys conducted by the corporation and the general secretariat of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) had outlined over 120 potential investment projects, he said.

Mexico unveils 25pc salary increase for teachers

MEXICO CITY, April 28. (AP): The government late yesterday offered a 25 per cent wage hike for public school teachers in an attempt to resolve a bitter teachers strike that has crippled Mexico's public school system.

"We are going to begin a new chapter in the educational life of the country," Education Secretary Manuel Bartlett Diaz said.

"We are going to modernise education and begin to support in difficult circumstances, in an economic crisis, the teachers."

The education chief, who has supervised numerous all-night negotiations to end the strike since it began April 17, looked tiredly.

It was not immediately clear whether the government-recognised National Education Workers Union or the dissident National Education Workers Co-ordinate had accepted the government's offer. Leaders of the two factions could not be reached for comment by telephone late yesterday.

The increase could be effective May 15.

EVENTS

This week on KTV 2

SATURDAY

8.00 Opening and Holy Quran

8.10 Islamic Horizons

8.20 Cartoons

8.30 Animals of Africa: "Lion as Family Patriarch."

Lions live in families ...

The lion's role in the family ... How it behaves upon hunting its prey ...

The lion's role in raising its cubs ...

9.00 News in English

9.30 The Holy Traditions in which God Himself speaks to His Messenger...

9.45 Italian Football

10.30 Reaching For The Skies: "Giants Of The Air." A look at giant crafts such as C-5 and Hercules types and their role in transporting great quantities of ammunition, tanks, helicopters, vehicles and other relief provisions during World War II and on other occasions and the invention of "Jet Motor."

11.30 TV Movie: "A Table for Five". An adventurer man takes his sons with him for a journey around the world. Will he continue the journey with them? Or change his mind...

1.00 News Summary

1.05 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/ Close-down

SUNDAY

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8.30 Scientific Eye: Crimebusters. The role of witnesses and testimonial facts in crimes ... New scientific methods adopted in convincing the jury for deciding their verdict.

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9.45 Murder, She Wrote: "Showdown in Sashkachawhan" Dr. "Shanger" dies of suffocation when fire broke out in his tent on a "Rodeo" camp ... A number of workers are suspected of causing the fire, where the author helps in tracing the criminal.

10.30 Nature Watch:

"Dragonfly". There are 5000 species of those creatures which are distinguished by its beautiful colours ... Their effect on the Japanese culture and History...

11.00 Perfect Strangers Bestseller: "A Shadow On The Sun Part II. Back in Africa, Beryl soon became involved with the dashing pilot Denys Finch Hatton. Beryl for years after she refused an affair with Jack Carberry challenged her to fly the Atlantic in the hopes the journey would result in her death. However, Beryl landed safely in Newfoundland...

1.00 News in Brief

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SUNDAY

8.00 Cultural film

2.00 Qanadeel: Sha'baya: Historical serial

7.00 Baad Iftaar: Hadith Dine

11.45 Assakom Min Ewada: Prepared and presented by Rasha Majdi.

1.00 Late night Arabic film: Aasef Lil Ezza'aj: starring Salah Tho Foqar, Raghib, Faysa Kamal, Mustafa Mitwalli.

MONDAY

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1.30 Sherlock Holmes: Cartoon serial

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Remarkable rise of Tanita Tikaram

Who needs to flash a belly button to be noticed?

TANITA Tikaram will never forget a sociology exam she took less than two years ago. There was this question on religion that she answered instead of choosing one on education or something more simple, and as a result she got a B grade, even though she had scored an A in English and political science.

At that time, 17-year-old Londoner thought there was no point in going to the university because she was scared she would not get into a good one. Maybe, she thought, she could try her hand at singing in pubs and nightclubs. She was also fond of scribbling songs, and had set quite a few of them to music. So why not attempt something she really enjoyed?

Her father, an Indian who grew up in Fiji and then became an officer in the British Army in Malaya before he moved to London with his Chinese wife, did not have any conventional role models for his only daughter. So Tanita was soon doing gigs in London at the Mean Fiddler. For days prior to the auditions, she sat in her bedroom plucking out cords on the acoustic guitar that belonged to her brother and putting songs together.

"I found writing songs quite easy," she remembers. "Because I had always liked English in school and I loved writing poems and plays. Some friends were involved in bands and I thought, why not me?"

Her father loved music too. But neither he nor Tanita dreamt then that her music would take Britain by storm; that within a year-and-a-half of being spotted at the Mean Fiddler, she would ink a contract with a major music company — and that the hit single *Good Tradition* would lead within a few months to the sensationally successful album, *Ancient Heart*.

Looking back at her exam debacle, Tanita calls herself a "stupid child." But she cannot certainly regret what happened subsequently. "I didn't feel remotely buzzed by it," she says. "So it clicked that I should do something I cared deeply about, that I had a genuine passion for, not some kind of killing time. And it was song-writing."

Her gigs at the Mean Fiddler caught the eye of Irish singer Paul Brady who was also performing there, and soon his agent, Paul Charles, heard her and liked what she was doing. Before long, she was discussing recordings with Warner Brothers.

Today, Tanita insists that she knew her songs were going to click because she had felt that there was "an increased public appetite for songs coming straight from the heart." Many of her songs express the frustrations of a teenager who is not understood by the big world of grown-ups. "There is always a point," she told a British newspaper while explaining her song *Sighting Innocents*. "when you suddenly realise that everything adults do isn't great, you just don't trust them any more."

Some critics have said her lyrics are somewhat obscure. Tanita says this is a deliberate

Tracy Chapman may be the hottest property in the American music business, but recording executives both sides of the Atlantic have discovered a new singer whom they



compare to Joan Baez, Carole King and Joni Mitchell.

Tanita Tikaram, 19 is of Indian and Chinese descent and obviously a star of the future. Tanita's success graph is incredible — from her debut to the top of the pops was a journey of a few months. Now she is performing in sell-out concert tours.

decision. "I don't really think about what the songs are all about. Sometimes it's obvious, at other times you have to interpret them in your own way. My lyrics relate to things that have happened in my life."

"From the point of view of a fan," she continues, "I know that when one of my favourite song-writers says that a song is about a certain thing, I feel almost cheated. By not being specific, you can achieve things in a song which you are not even aware of yourself." As she had said in a previous interview, "I just spew out ideas and hope that they fall into some kind of logic."

However, there is a method to her madness. "There has been all lot of hard work," she says. "I have been writing songs since I was 17. I was lucky that I got noticed so soon, but if the songs were not strong I would soon have been forgotten."

Tanita's success graph is incredible — from her debut to the top of the pops was a journey of a few months, not years. Now she is getting far more exposure as she is performing in sell-out concert tours. "I like to sweat," she told an interviewer in Britain recently. "When I am

sweating on stage, I know I am working."

And the media has followed her meteoric rise with plenty of relish. "Her story is already a pop myth," wrote Simon Frith of *The Observer*. "In these pre-packaged video pop times, this is an old model of success — young and fast and quirky." While Catherine Bennett of *The Times* (London) noted: "Tikaram's songs are being praised for their melodic intelligence. She sings them in a deep, fascinating voice which makes lyrics such as *Look, my eyes are just hologram/look, your love has drawn red from my hands* seem rich in beauty and wisdom."

Across the Atlantic too, there has been much praise. Much before the dates for Tanita's US concerts were being finalised, *The New York Times* wrote in a January issue: "Listening to *Ancient Heart*, the debut album of Tanita Tikaram, it's almost impossible to believe that the creator of the record's moody, enigmatic ballads is only 19 years old." Stephen Holden, who wrote the story, described Tanita's voice as "unusually mature" and called her a romantic singer-song writer in the tradition of Joni Mitchell, Van Morrison, Leonard Cohen and Rickie Lee Jones.

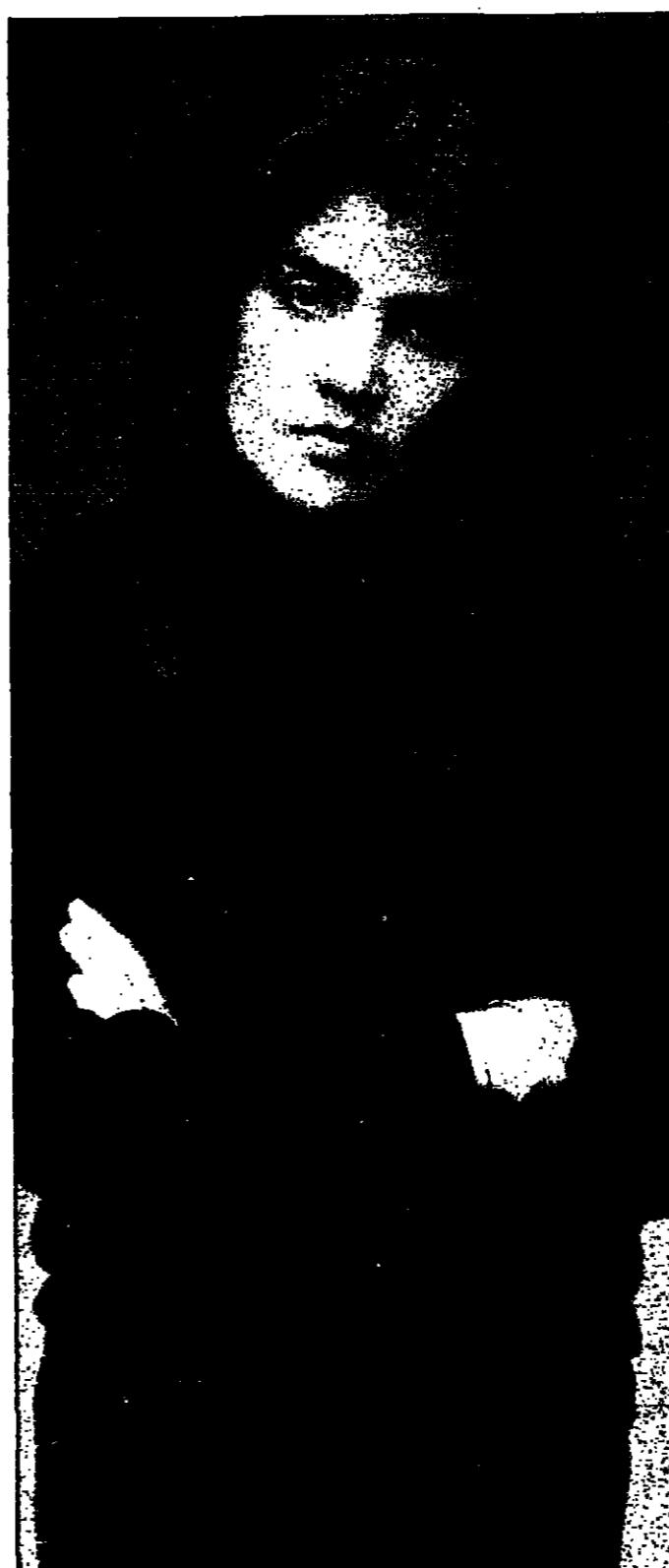
In interview after interview, Tanita has asserted that she does not want to be a bimbo, now and never. She is dismayed at the career path chosen by many women singers. "I know I shouldn't get so upset about women taking the easy way out and playing the bimbo," she told the *Telegraph* music critic last year. "But you end up wondering what feminism is for. Some of us are trying to create a society where both sexes are equal. These airheads are definitely not helping."

Tanita says that she had never really dreamt of becoming a singer. She actually wanted to be a lawyer. And perhaps an actress.

She had not heard of Bob Dylan till recently, she told one reporter. "See that woman?" her mother used to say sometimes. "She went out with Bob Dylan." Adds Tanita: "That's my image of Bob Dylan; a bloke who goes out with women who like the idea of him."

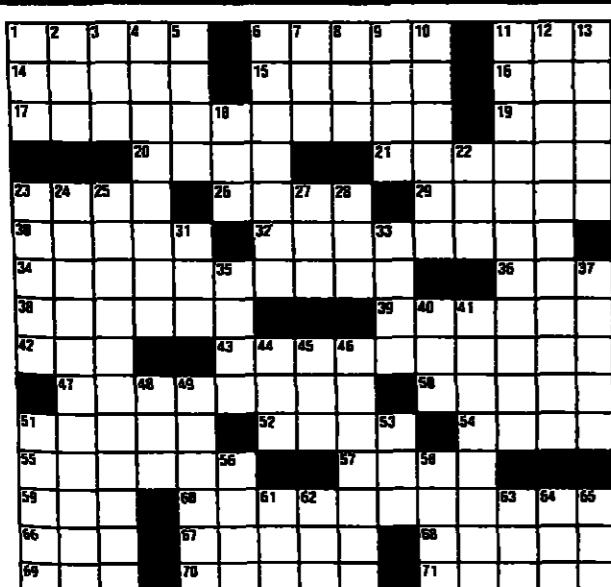
Now that she knows something about Dylan, she used his experience in defending herself against those who call her songs "sixth-form poetry." "Very strange," she muses. "I mean how old was Bob Dylan when he started writing those songs? No one says. About the same age, right? Joni Mitchell, Jackson Brown... they were young when they started. I think people would use a term like that because there has not been a very young song-writer for quite a while. But you can't sit around waiting for the minute you are 30 and then think, thank God for that, I can start writing now."

She is positive about one thing. "I hope I never have to flash my belly-button to get noticed." With such terrific sales and reviews, who needs to show a belly-button?



Tanita: doesn't want to be a bimbo

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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 1 Silly ones
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
EACH TRICK IN ITS TIME

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

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 ♦ A 10 8 3
 ♣ A Q 9 7
 ♤ J 10 5

WEST
 ♠ A J 8 7 4 2
 ♦ 10 9
 ♣ 6 2
 ♤ 5 3
 ♠ 9 6 4

EAST
 ♠ Q 6
 ♦ 10 9
 ♣ Q J 9 7 4
 ♤ K 6
 ♠ 8 7 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K 5 3
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ J 10 8 4 2
 ♤ A K Q

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2 ♡ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass
 Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠
 In theory, a combined total of 26 points should produce game at no trump. One would think, therefore, that with 29 points distributed more or less evenly between the two hands, nine tricks would be a breeze. But see what can happen when declarer fails to take the proper precautions.

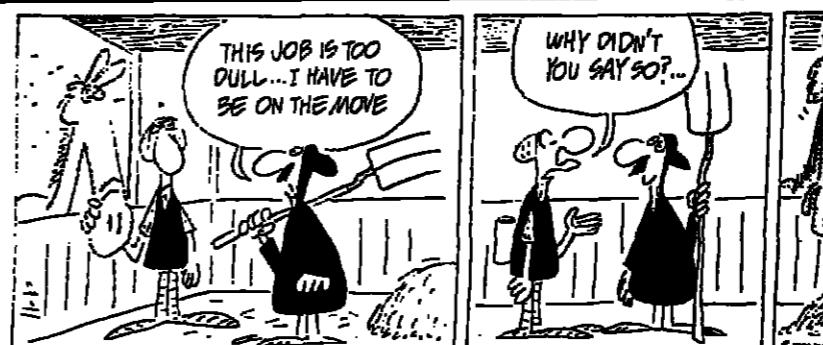
North checked for a possible 4-4 major fit with the Stayman Convention. When South denied holding a major suit, three no trump was the obvious contract.

West led his fourth-best spade. Dummy's queen won and declarer cashed the ace of diamonds—he needed to set up the suit to make his contract, and he was prepared to surrender a trick to West; he was trying to guard against the faint possibility of a singleton king with East. East won the diamond continuation and pushed a spade through declarer's king. West took five spade tricks to complete a two-trick set.

As is often the case, declarer lost his contract at trick one. While he could do nothing about a 5-3 spade division, he could protect himself if West held six spades, via a line superior to trying to drop a singleton king of diamonds.

All declarer had to do was play a low spade from both hands to the first trick. Whether or not West wins the spade continuation is immaterial, as the cards lie. Declarer wins any return, comes to hand and takes the diamond finesse. When East wins the king he has no spade to return, and the contract is home.

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By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You are rather inclined to allow your attention to stray and should do your best to concentrate. Others will not be all that willing to help so try to rely more on yourself. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 34. Do not forget a promise you have made.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You will find a new and better way of doing something you have to do as a matter of routine. Things will not be entirely to your liking. But instead of grumbling you should make the best of it. Try to have a good laugh at yourself.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be able to have an interesting day, but there will not be time for everything and you must be selective. Do your best to avoid getting into an argument. Be more patient.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

This is not your lucky day, but if you exercise care you will be able to keep out of trouble. You should have the courage of your convictions. Something you are looking for will not be in the place you thought it was. Be sincere.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will find it easier to make up your mind, but you should try to avoid relying too much on guesswork. You are more liable to encounter bad drivers, so exercise extra care. Be polite.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Avoid believing everything you hear, but do not be too sceptical either. You will be able to find a happy medium between your reason and your emotions. Make sure you switch off all electrical appliances before leaving home.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should spend a little time tidying up, if you do not you will waste much time looking for things. You must curb a tendency to jump to conclusions and to act on impulses.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to demonstrate your love and should do so. Try to ensure that you do not lead too sedentary a life, take a little more exercise. And stick to a sensible diet. Be objective.



"I told you not to order 'home fries'! The chef lives 20 miles away."

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Bangles top UK charts

Madonna magic

NEW YORK. (AP) Like *A Prayer* kept Madonna at the top of the single pop records charts in the United States for the second week in a row.

Bon Jovi's *I'll Be There For You* hopped up one notch to second spot on the Cash Box magazine chart. *Funky Cold Medina* by Tone-Loc jumped from fifth to third.

Last week's number two hit, *She Drives Me Crazy* by the Fine Young Cannibals, slipped to fourth.

New to the top 10 list this week were Paula Abdul's *Forever Your Girl*, up from 12th to 9th, and Jody Watley's *Real Love*, up from 16th to 10th.

As for the country-and-western singles, *Don't Toss Us Away* by Patty Loveless (MCA), (2) *Tell It Like It Is* — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).

(3) *Young Love* — The Judds (Curb-RCA).

(4) *Hey Bobby* — K.T. Oslin (RCA).

(5) *The Church On Cumberland Road* — Shenandoah (Columbia).

(6) *There's A Tear In My Beer* — Hank Williams Jr (Decca with Hank Williams Sr) (Warner Brothers-Curb).

(7) *If I Had You* — Alabama (RCA).

(8) *Setting Me Up* — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).

(9) *(I'm) No Stranger To The Rain* — Keith Whitley (RCA).

(10) *Down That Road Tonight* — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by our Price Minic Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's positions in parentheses:

(1) *Eternal Flame* — Bangles (CBS).

(2) *If You Don't Know Me By Now* — Simply Red (Elektra).

(3) *Baby I Don't Care* — Transvision Vamp (IMCA).

(4) *Americano* — Holly Johnson (MCA).

(5) *Lullaby* — Cure (Piccione).

(6) *I Beg Your Pardon* — Kon Kan (Atlantic).

(7) *Interesting Drug* — Morrissey (HMV).

(8) *Second Chance* — Special (A and M).

(9) *Girl You Know It's True* — Milli Vanilli (Arista).

(10) *Requiem* — London Boys (Teldec-WEA).

(11) *Beds Are Burning* — Midnight Oil (CBS).

(12) *Keep On Moving* — Soul II Soul and Carol Wheeler (CBS).

(13) *Real Love* — Jody

19. *Woman in White* — Culture Club (CBS).

20. *Midnight Oil* — Midnight Oil (CBS).

21. *Don't Stop Believin'* — Journey (Mercury).

22. *Eye of the Tiger* — Survivor (CBS).

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Stallone stars

HOLLYWOOD. (UPI): Sylvester Stallone will star with Kurt Russell in *Setup*, to be directed by Andrei Konchalovsky for the Guber-Peters Production Company at Warner Bros.

Stallone and Russell will play rival cops, each with the reputation of being Los Angeles' best. They are set up for killing a federal agent by an assassin hired by two powerful crime families.

The two are imprisoned among cops they helped arrest, escaping to track down the criminals who framed them.

Hamlet assigned

AUSTRALIAN action film star Mel Gibson will drop his "G'day, mate" accent to star in Shakespeare's *Hamlet* for director Franco Zeffirelli.

Under the aegis of producer Dylan Lovell (who produced *Lonesome Dove* for TV), the movie will be filmed next year on locations in northern Scotland.

Duvall cast

ROBERT DUVALL, Amy Irving, Andy Garcia and Low Diamond Phillips will star for Golden Harvest Productions in *Show of Force* beginning in June on location in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The \$12 million film, to be directed by Bruno Barreto for Hong Kong-based Golden Harvest, is taken from the Anne Nelson novel *Murder Under Two Flags*.

The story deals with the true account of an American journalist who uncovered a government and police conspiracy in Puerto Rico in the late 1970s to murder students forced to commit acts of terrorism.

Lansbury returns

ANGELA LANSBURY, a veteran of Broadway and currently the star of the TV series *Murder, She Wrote*, will host this year's 43rd annual Tony Awards special for CBS June 4.

Retiring, also will be producers Don Mischer, David J. Goldberg and director Walter Miller, the team that won the 1987 Emmy for outstanding variety special of the year.

The Tonys, which honour excellence in the American theatre, are a joint venture of the American Theatre Wing and the League of American theaters and producers. Nominees in 19 categories will be announced May 8.

Nielsen vehicle

BRIGITTE NIELSEN, Sylvester Stallone's ex-wife, will star with Julian Sands and Gerald McRaney in *Murder By Moonlight*, a CBS-TV two-hour movie.

The sci-fi adventure story takes place in the year 2015 in the aftermath of an explosion that almost triggers World War III.

The principals find themselves on the moon involved in mining communities populated by Soviets and Americans who uncover a murderer.

Fonda film

FONDA FILMS will bring to the screen this year's Pulitzer-prize-winning book *A Bright Shining Lie* by Neil Sheehan.

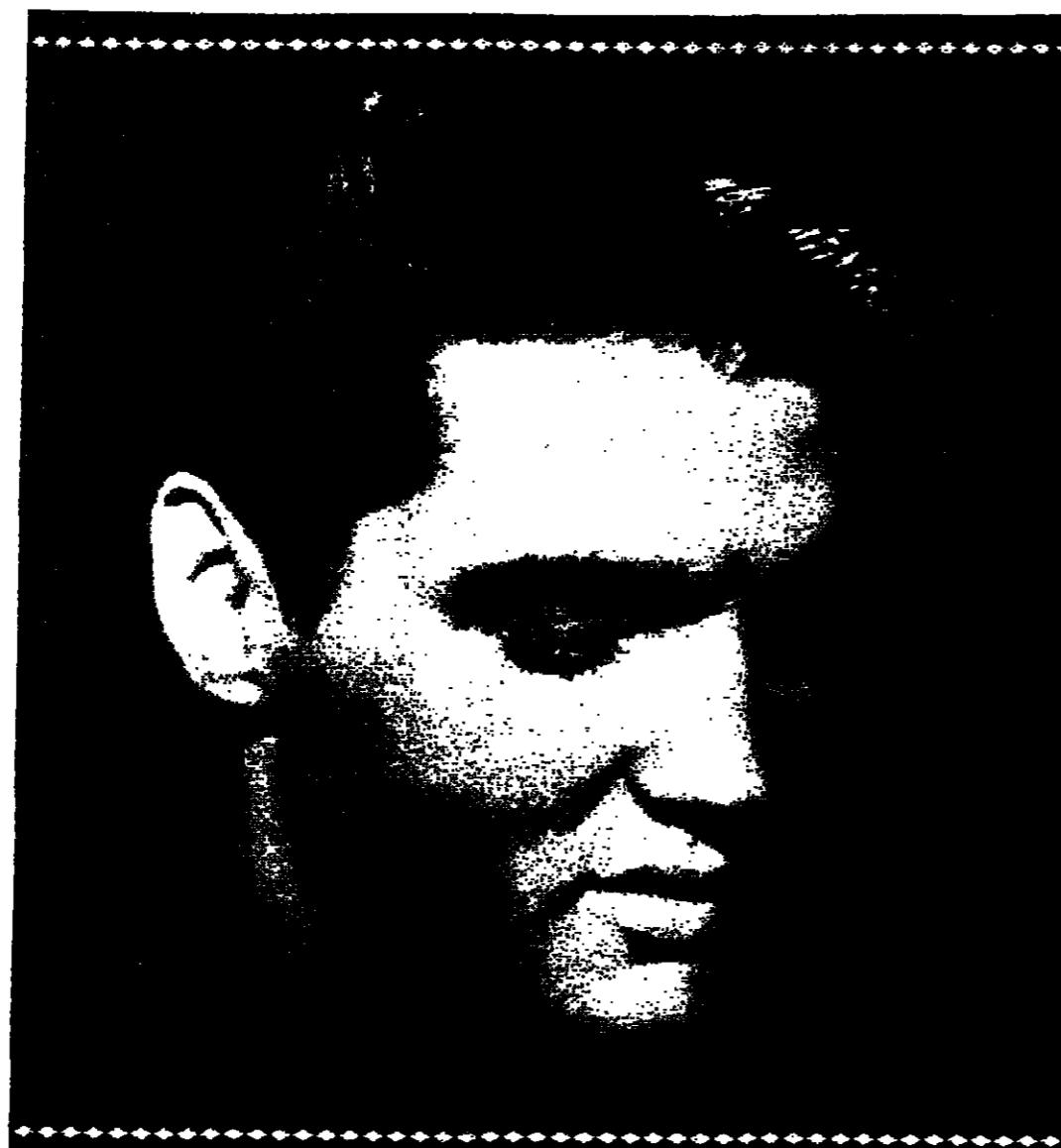
A Bright Shining Lie is a true account of American Lieutenant Col John Paul Vann in Vietnam. Sheehan was an award-winning Vietnam correspondent for the United Press International and the New York Times.

The drama will be the first film that Jane Fonda has produced but not starred in.

Glasnost festival

THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES will host the Glasnost Film Festival when the programme of Soviet documentary films concludes its tour of the United States in May.

The academy, in co-operation with the American-Soviet Film Initiative Documentary Council, will screen three recent controversial documentary short subjects as well as host discussions between the visiting Soviet film delegation and representatives of American documentary film community.



Elvis Presley: the legend grows with another new book

Hollywood's Sheen dynasty

Like father, like sons

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD. (UPI): Nepotism notwithstanding, most fans enjoy seeing the son or daughter of a movie star succeed in show business.

Only a few of Hollywood's youngsters, however, inherit the talent and drive.

The Fondas did, of course.

Lloyd Bridges' sons Beau and Jeff did. Donald Sutherland's sprout Kiefer did. The Carradine clan did. Michael Douglas sure did.

Among the most prominent movie families today is the Estevez-Sheen, papa Martin Sheen and sons Emilio Estevez and Charlie Sheen.

The kids knew what they wanted and went for it without undue prodding from their parents.

First, the Estevez-Sheen names require a bit of explanation, which Martin Sheen patiently provides.

"My real name is Ramon Estevez. My father was from Galicia, Spain. When I went to New York from Dayton to study acting many years ago I took a stage name. I didn't have a Latin face. I was told I looked like my Irish mother."

"Besides, there was some prejudice against Hispanics. So I took my first name from my friend and casting director Robert Dale Martin at CBS and my last name from Bishop Sheen, who was very big on TV at the time."



Martin Sheen
face. I was told I looked like my Irish mother.

"Emilio and Charlie wrote and directed all kinds of shorts and full-length films," Sheen recalled. "They used their friends as actors. Before they were in their teens they had their own repertory company, wardrobe and makeup departments.

"My wife Janet and I watched the completed films and enjoyed them. Charlie has a library of those films and they're a treasure. We can see our boys growing up along with their pals, Rob and Chad Lowe, the Penn boys, Sean and Chris; and other youngsters in the neighbourhood."

"They did a clever thing for the written credits. They wrote the names with a piece of chalk on the driveway, then rinsed them off with a hose, waited for the surface to dry, then wrote the next batch of names."

"I had nothing to do with any of it except to give them the camera and get out of the way. I had no idea of the extent of the skills they developed."

"The boys loved movies and had the advantage of seeing how they were made on my far-flung locations. They learned the technical mechanics and appreciated good movies, imitating what they saw on sets and in theatres."

Sheen used his boys in crowd scenes once in a while and occasionally gave them bit parts.

Tolerance

"Emilio was the first to go into the business and I counselled him not to change his name," the proud father said. "He didn't like Sheen and didn't know if people in the Hispanic community would accept him as an Estevez. But times have changed in 25 years and there's more understanding and tolerance."

"Emilio hit quickly and became very popular, especially with Hispanics who claim him as their own."

"Then when Charlie came into the business he faced a double dilemma. It all happened so fast for him that he didn't want to use his real name. Carlos Estevez, so he settled for Charlie Sheen."



Emilio Estevez
"They may be a role in the picture for their brother Ramon, 25, who has switched his career from dancing to acting."

"I don't think of our family as a dynasty," Sheen said. "We're just a family with the same creative interests. I love my sons not just because they're my children — they're also my dearest friends."

"The boys are all very close. And they are crazy about their sister Renee, the baby of the family. She's an actress, you know."

Charlie

Charlie became an overnight star in *Platoon*, although he first worked with his father in *The Execution of Private Slovik* at the age of 7. He recently co-starred in *Wall Street*, including some scenes with his father.

Martin worked with Emilio on stage in *Mr Roberts* at Burt Reynolds' theatre in Jupiter, Florida, and in a TV show titled *In the Custody of Strangers*.

Papa Sheen and Emilio star in *Nightbreaker*, a dramatic story of 1950 atomic bomb testing in Nevada, on the Turner broadcast network.

"My role is small and I play Emilio as an older man in the film," Sheen said. "We don't have any scenes together."

Emilio, 27, and Charlie, 23, appeared on screen together in *Young Guns* last year and are now in the process of co-starring in another movie, *Men at Work*, in which they play a pair of garage men.

There may be a role in the picture for their brother Ramon, 25, who has switched his career from dancing to acting.

"But he is delighted about the role — he appears in just about every scene."

With refreshing candour, the 57-year-old actor said that what he looks for in a part is getting a lot of screen time.

"The size of the part is tremendously important," he said. "You can flesh out a big part. A small part may be necessary to the plot and have interesting qualities, but it's not the same as one of the two leads."

"That's really what you want if you can possibly arrange it," an animated Perkins said in an interview.

In *Edge of Sanity*, which opened in the United States last week, Perkins plays the legendary Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, with an historical twist. Hyde's first name is Jack — as in *Jack the Ripper*.

While working in his laboratory one night, Jekyll smokes what looks very much like crack cocaine throughout his sexual and murderous escapades.

With a deadly-white face and red-ringed eyes, Jack Hyde prowls the streets of London, leaving carved-up prostitutes in his wake.

Typecasting is clearly not something that worries Perkins.

"I don't measure it in terms of what I've done before or what will do later. It's just all about what you're doing right then," he said.

Perkins' upcoming projects include his just-completed television pilot as the world's most successful mystery writer.

Another forthcoming film is his fourth go-round as the guy with the ultimate Oedipus complex in *Psycho IV*, being written

by Joseph Stefano, who wrote the original. It will examine the story of the killer, Normal Bates, as a young boy and adolescent.

Perkins said he would like to direct the film, as he did *Psycho III*. He said he hopes the fourth chapter will make him feel "that overpowering urge, that itchy, burning sensation," he gets from a good script that compels him to want to direct.

He has nothing but praise for Hitchcock who directed the original 1960 classic.

"He was always there for you, always ready to collaborate, and wonderfully generous with his experience and his genius," Perkins said.

Told that some actors who worked under the master were not so full of praise, Perkins responded with a staccato: "I have no comments to make on other people's experiences or quotes. Why would I? Why would you ask me for it?"



FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

MUCH IS NOW KNOWN ABOUT BLOOD DISORDER

QUESTION: I was diagnosed by my physician six months ago with a blood disorder called "idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura" (ITP). I've been unable to find sufficient reading material about this disease. Any information would be helpful. I'm currently in remission.

ANSWER: When faced with these gigantic medical terms, we can learn a bit by explaining them piecemeal. Let's start at the end.

A "purpura" is purple or reddish brown discolouration seen through the skin, caused by blood hemorrhaging into the tissues. In ITP, the thrombocytes (platelets), an important part of the clotting mechanism that controls such bleeding, are not present in the blood in normal amounts. Any medical term which ends in "penia" means that there is an abnormal reduction in numbers, for "penia" comes from the Greek term meaning "poverty". "Idiopathic" means that the disease has a spontaneous, origin; or, more literally, has an unknown cause.

The fact is that much is now known about ITP. The reason the platelets (or throm-

bocytes) are few in number is that they are being destroyed by an immune factor (antibody). Thus we now call the disease "autoimmune thrombocytopenic purpura," or by an older name, Werlhof's Disease.

A good deal of research is going on to explain all the mechanisms of the disease. It can be treated with large doses of corticosteroid (a cortisone-like medication), as well as other medications, with great success. When medications fail to produce the desired results, splenectomy, or removal of the spleen may be considered.

Now that you have some new insight, and a few more terms to search for, I hope your reading will be more rewarding. The fact that you are currently in remission is an excellent sign, but as you have probably been told, that doesn't represent a permanent state.

QUESTION: I have a condition (that I'm told is rare) where my feet become burning red and hot. My friends say everyone has the same thing and my problem is not so special. The doctor gave me a long name for my diagnosis, and if I could remember the name, I could

convince my friends that I did not make it all up. Can you help?

ANSWER: It's true that many people suffer from burning feet, usually due to standing too long or walking too far in badly fitted shoes. There are too many medical conditions that can produce the symptoms. The one I think you mean, though, is rare. It's called "erythromelalgia."

When it occurs there is a burning pain, the feet turn bright red and the skin temperature actually rises. It's the result of blood vessels in the foot (sometimes in the hands) dilating and allowing more blood to flow through the area.

No one knows what causes the problem, and although it may remain mild for years, it can become so severe that disability may result.

You can avoid an attack by elevating your feet

and applying cold packs. Aspirin also can

provide prolonged relief, as can other medications. Stay away from alcohol or other substances that could cause dilation of blood vessels in your feet.

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I never glued Elvis' sideburns, says former hairdresser turned biographer

What's new on the Presley front?

By Ivor Davis

WHAT the world does not need is another book about Elvis Presley. Consider this: at last count there were some 200 publications about the late rock star.

Hardly a Presley stone has been left unturned in books that range from respectful to sleazy. The biggest sellers were by ex-wife Priscilla (Elvis and Me, 1985) and pop-world chronicler Albert Goldman (Elvis, 1981).

There are tonnes about Presley and his manager Col Tom Parker, Presley and his mother Gladys. Presley and God. There are Presley scrapbooks, photo albums, posters, paper-doll books and a cookbook. Bodyguards, friends, family members and employees have gushed forth about the King, which leads us to Larry Geller.

More than 20 years ago Geller's claim to fame was cutting and shampooing Presley's hair. However, he became more than just the barber to the star. According to Geller's new book *If I Can Dream: Elvis' Own Story* (Simon & Schuster), he became Presley's confidante.

"It was his rabbi, his guru, the guy who mediated with him, the guy who had his ear," says 49-year-old Geller, who co-authored the book with Joel Spector and Patricia Romanowski.

Geller says the man he grew to know so intimately was different from the public Presley. Onstage, Presley strutted, swiveled and performed as the epitome of male sexuality. Offstage, Presley was shy with women and liked nothing better than to read and discuss books about religion and spiritualism with Geller.

The former hairstylist says he kept a diary during the last year of Presley's life when the star's health began to deteriorate as a result of medical problems and daily doses of drugs. That collection of notes is the cornerstone of

"If I Can Dream." "Large chunks of my diary are Elvis' words from our conversations as I put them down," he says.

What's new on the Presley front?

In a bizarre incident following Presley's death at Graceland in August 1977 Geller says he was called to a mortuary in Memphis where he identified the singer's corpse. Then for two hours he cut and styled Presley's hair.

"I never glued Elvis' sideburns as some people have said," he says. "As I worked on him I kept expecting Elvis to open his eyes, sit and say, 'Hey, Lawrence, the joke is over.'

Geller says after Presley died doctors told the singer's father Vernon that his son was suffering from leukemia and the disease would have eventually killed him.

Geller paints an unflattering picture of Parker, the ex-carnival barker who managed the star. According to the author, Parker was a manipulative businessman who one night dropped \$1.4 million at Las Vegas gambling tables and was more worried about Presley missing a concert than the health of his deteriorating meal ticket.

One night a few months before Presley died, Parker marched into the star's bedroom, where Presley, wracked with illness and in a half-conscious state from his abundance of pills, was having his head shaved into a bucket of ice by his doctor in an effort to revive him.

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SPORTS**Agassi and Lendl remain on collision course**

ROSWELL, Georgia, April 28. (UPI): Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl remained on a collision course for the finals of the \$280,000 AT and T challenge by posting overpowering victories yesterday to advance to the semifinals of the tournament.

Agassi, who turns 19 tomorrow, crushed 17-year-old American rival Michael Chang 6-1, 6-0 on the clay courts of the Horseshoe Bend Country Club while Lendl routed Ecuador's Andres Gomez 6-3, 6-1.

Their semifinal opponents were to be determined today when Gomez played Yannick Noah and Chang faced fellow American Tim Mayotte.

Noah remained in contention for the

semifinal with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Californian Brad Gilbert.

Agassi dictated the 50-minute match with powerful ground strokes that produced 18 outright winners and forced the usually steady Chang into dozens of errors.

"I want to play everybody in a way so that they don't want to play me the next time," Agassi said. "If I had just held back a little and took that sting off the ball then things would have been different. Chang would have had time to get set for his shots and could have pushed me around the court."

While Agassi played near-flawless tennis, Chang struggled with his own game, hitting just seven winners and committing 33 errors.

— most of them unforced.

"I made a lot of unforced errors and you can't do that against Andre," Chang said.

"I'm frustrated that I didn't give him a better match."

Agassi, the top American player and ranked No. 5 in the world, and Chang, ranked No. 21, are expected to battle for the No. 1 spot in the American rankings in the 1990s.

Chang, who has never beaten Agassi, said he would learn from the stinging loss.

"Some days, guys will play out of their minds," said Chang. "Everybody has matches where they get killed. As you play these matches, you learn from them. You try to be prepared for it next time."

Wilander and Becker win**Skoff eliminates Jaite**

Mats Wilander

Auriol repeats 1988 Corsica rally success

AJACCIO, April 28. (Reuter): Defending champion Didier Auriol won the 1989 Corsica Rally on Wednesday, repeating his success of last year with a stylish drive around the Mediterranean island's dangerous roads.

Auriol, one of the world's leading drivers on asphalt, turned in a fine performance in his four-wheel drive Lancia Delta Integrale to win from fellow-Frenchman Francois Chatriot.

Auriol clocked seven hours 12 minutes 39 seconds with BMW driver Chatriot, who held the lead for 24 hours on Monday, one minute 57 seconds adrift in second place. Two-times world champion Juhan Kankkunen of Finland was another two minutes further back in his Toyota Celica.

Only 39 of 79 starters finished the 630-km long rally, which traditionally takes a heavy toll on cars.

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, April 28. (AP): Mats Wilander of Sweden and Boris Becker of West Germany, the top two seeds, played streaky tennis but still qualified for the quarterfinals of the \$607,500 Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament yesterday.

Wilander, ranked second in the world, ran off four games in a row in both the first and second sets to beat Uruguay's Marcelo Filippi, 6-4, 6-4.

The Swede, a two-time French Open champion, was joined in the quarterfinals by two-time Wimbledon champion Becker. The No. 2, seed downed 16th-seeded Jordi Arrese of Spain, 6-1, 6-3, winning six games in a row in the second set.

In other third-round play, Carl Uwe Steeb of West Germany made short work of Paolo Cane, Monday's winner over Jimmy Connors, 6-4, 6-1; Horst Skoff of Austria, the 13th seed, ousted last year's finalist, Martin Jaite of Argentina, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), and Alberto Mancini of Argent-

ina, seeded 14th, topped Carl Limberger of Australia, 6-1, 6-3.

Also, Ronald Agenor of Haiti, No. 10 seed, eliminated the last Frenchman, Guy Forget, 6-2, 7-5; Guillermo Perez-Koldan of Argentina, seeded eighth, beat ninth seed Joaquin Svensson of Sweden, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), and Jan Gunnarsson of Sweden defeated Patrick Kuhnen of West Germany, 7-5, 6-2.

After an early rain, the sun broke out briefly in the afternoon, but it started raining again in the middle of the Wilander match.

"It's difficult conditions to play in, for sure, but it's a good mental test," Wilander said.

Wilander came from 2-4 down in both the first and second sets, suddenly turning his game around and forcing mistakes from the 21-year-old Uruguayan, rated 46th in the world.

Wilander has had a poor season so far this year after losing his No. 1 ranking after the Australian Open. He has failed to go past the third round of any tour-

nament in 1988 and lost twice in the Davis Cup against Austria, although Sweden won.

"I'm not putting any pressure on myself yet. Maybe later before the French Open," Wilander said. "But I'm happy with every win."

Becker blitzed Arrese in the first set in 32 minutes then dropped behind 0-3 in the second. But streaked against to win six games in a row.

"My patience was gone at the beginning and I was playing the points too quickly," Becker said of his start. "Then after 10 minutes I got back into my patience and my groove and found my rhythm."

The West German was more cautious and stayed back, coming to the net only behind deep approach shots to score easy volleys.

Becker feels better here after losing in his first match at this tournament the last two years.

"The first-round win helped me a lot. Once I got over the first round I felt much more relaxed out there," Becker said.



Lendl keeps his eye on the ball as he is about to send a back hand return to Gomez during his match on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Australians will do well, says Border

MELBOURNE, April 28. (Reuter): Australian captain Allan Border said he was confident his side would give a good account of themselves in their forthcoming Ashes tour of England.

"All the ingredients are there for a very good series, we have a very good squad of players and I'm confident of the results," Border told journalists on the eve of departure.

Border, captain on the 1985 tour when Australia lost 3-1, said he expected to see many familiar faces in the England Test side, although he was doubtful whether Ian Botham, Australia's destroyer in the 1981 series, would play.

"Botham is obviously back bigger and better than ever but whether he finds the form he had as a Test cricketer remains to be seen," said Border.

"It's hard to imagine him as a front-line bowler because I assume with the operation it's going to be harder for him to be rushing in like a 22-year-old." Botham had major back surgery nearly 12 months ago which caused him to miss most of the 1988 season in England.

Australia have not won a series in England since 1975 and Border said the forthcoming six Tests would show whether the Australian side had matured.

"I think it's vitally important to assess how far we have come over the last three years. I am up against David Gower again and I think I'm better prepared than in 1985," he said.

Richards aims for return to form in final Test

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 28. (Reuter): Viv Richards' belief he can end the series with a much-needed big score, allied to the prospect of a green pitch for his West Indian fast bowlers, leave India facing another tough task in the fourth and final Test which was to start today.

West Indies have a winning 2-0 lead in the rubber after asserting their superiority with emphatic victories in the previous two Tests, despite Richards not making a significant contribution with the bat.

Richards has made 25 runs in four innings, and if he does not reach 50 at Sabina Park, the only ground in the Caribbean where the West Indian captain has not scored a Test hundred, it will be the first time in his career he has failed to record a half-century in a series.

He was convinced he could end his run of low scores here, the scene in 1983 of one of his most stunning Test innings when, with West Indies needing 172 in 26 overs to beat India, he hammered 61 from 35 balls to help his side to victory.

India have never won a Test at Sabina Park and their hopes of salvaging some pride from the current series appear unlikely to be fulfilled if the appearance of the pitch is any indication.

Unlike the strip used for India's match against Jamaica, which was so easy paced and devoid of grass as to be a batsman's paradise, the Test pitch looked almost as green as the outfield. No doubt some of the grass will be shaved off but there will still be enough left to give the West Indian pace quartet plenty of encouragement.

India are pinning their hopes of a return to the side of the unlit Mohammed Azharuddin, nursing a groin injury that is almost certain to require an operation and which causes the middle order batsman considerable discomfort in the field.

A decision on whether to risk him was to be taken last night, with left-hander Wooker Raman certain to be the player who would make way if Azharuddin.

Although no other changes are likely, leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani's place is not entirely safe after a return of only six wickets costing more than 57 runs each.

Off-spinner Margashayam Venkataramana would be the replacement for Hirwani, though not by dint of his form which has been ordinary to say the least on the tour with five wickets in 119 overs.

However, he was brought for experience and with the series lost the Indian camp may consider it a good opportunity to blood a bowler whom they regard as high promising.

Probable teams:

WEST INDIES: Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson, Keith Arthurton, Viv Richards (captain), Gus Logie, Jeff Dujon, Malcolm Marshall, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Ian Bishop.

INDIA: Arun Lal, Navjot Sidhu, Ravi Shastri, Dilip Vengsarkar (captain), Wooker Raman or Mohammed Azharuddin, Sanjay Manjrekar, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Arshad Ayub, Chetan Sharma, Narendra Hirwani.

Thomas takes five wickets for Northants

LONDON, April 28. (Reuter): Pace bowler Greg Thomas, watched by England selection chief Ted Dexter, enhanced his chances of a Test recall by grabbing five for 87 for Northamptonshire against Gloucestershire yesterday.

However Gloucester's fifth wicket pair of Phil Bainbridge and Kevin Curran put on 124 together to enable the home side to reach a respectable 265 on the first day of their four-day county cricket championship match.

After being reduced to 47 for four, Curran made 65 and Bainbridge 59 as Gloucestershire fought back and their recovery was completed by Jeremy Lloyd who scored 61 before becoming the last man out.

Northants were 32 for one at the close.

Colin Wells returned career-best figures of seven for 65 with his incisive seam bowling at Hove as Sussex dismissed Kent for 234.

Wells obviously enjoyed the wet conditions and took the first five Kent wickets to fall. Australian pace bowler Tony Dodemaide, who narrowly missed selection for the Ashes tour of England this year, marked his debut for Sussex by taking two wickets.

Widespread rain prevented three other matches beginning and severely curtailed play at Old Trafford where Lancashire had reached 74 for two by the close in their match against Nottinghamshire.

India to hold international one-day event

CALCUTTA, April 28. (Reuter): India is to hold an international limited-over cricket tournament in October and November, the organisers announced on Wednesday.

Besides India, invitations have been sent to Australia, England, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and West Indies.

India have never won a Test at Sabina Park and their hopes of salvaging some pride from the current series appear unlikely to be fulfilled if the appearance of the pitch is any indication.

Unofficial sources added that three of the invited nations had already said they would play in the round-robin 5-overs-a-side tournament, which will offer \$40,000 to the winning side and \$25,000 to the runners-up.

The tournament will be part of India's celebrations marking the centenary of the birth of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, in his day a keen cricketer.

The final will be held in Calcutta, and venues for the other matches will be announced when the response from the individual countries is known in the next two weeks.

The tournament has the blessing of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, but whether the matches will be considered officials one-day internationals has yet to be decided by the International Cricket Conference, the organisers said.

Jansher beats Dittmar for Paris Open crown

PARIS, April 28. (Reuter): Pakistani Jansher Khan won the Paris Men's Squash Open for the third successive year on Wednesday, beating Australia's Chris Dittmar 9-2, 4-9, 9-1, 9-4 with a superb display of ball control and footwork.

Two seed Dittmar, the losing finalist here last year, played some of his best squash, often dominating the court for long periods. But the top seed had all the answers.

"After the problems at the British Open, I'm feeling strong again. My game is improving," said the 19-year-old Pakistani who was knocked out of the British Open at the quarterfinal stage two weeks ago after suffering from a back injury.

Tyson arrested for speeding

ALBANY, N.Y., April 28. (Reuter): World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, whose brushes with the law have become as familiar as his triumphs in the ring, was arrested on Wednesday night for speeding, Albany police said yesterday.

Tyson was charged with driving at 71 miles per hour (114 kph) in a 30 mph (48 kph) area in his white lamborghini through the New York state capital of Albany and was ordered to appear in court on May 9, officer Al Russo reported.

Russo said a patrol car clocked Tyson, 22, speeding with another car, and a second police vehicle joined the chase. Tyson and the other driver, 22-year-old Mark Johnson, were arrested when they stopped near a restaurant just before midnight.

Last year Tyson was injured when he ran his car into a telegraph pole. Earlier this week a woman filed a \$12 million suit against Tyson, accusing him of fondling her and making improper suggestions at a New York club in December. Two weeks ago he was involved in a scuffle with a Hollywood nightclub employee over a parking spot.

In 1987 he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and battery for allegedly striking a man in the parking lot of a Los Angeles theatre, but the charges were dropped after Tyson paid the man an unspecified amount of compensation.

Tyson has also been the target of suits by his former trainer, his manager, his wife Robin Givens from whom he was divorced in February, and fighter Mitch Green who was involved in a brawl with the heavyweight champion in Harlem last year.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Australian coach

MELBOURNE, April 28. (Reuter): Australian Test coach Bob Simpson said today New South Wales was making a bad mistake chasing the signature of Zimbabwean-born batsman Graeme Hick. Simpson, echoing the thoughts of many New South Wales players, said the state contained sufficient batting talent already and Hick's arrival for the 1989/90 season could rob a potential Test player of a Sheffield Shield spot.

Test matches

MELBOURNE, April 28. (Reuter): Australia will play three Test matches against Pakistan, two against Sri Lanka and one against New Zealand in the 1989/90 season.

Ben Johnson

MADRID, April 28. (Reuter): Disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson is not a special case and Olympic authorities will not change the rules to deal with him, International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

Spanish Open

VALENCIA, Spain, April 28. (Reuter): National hero Seve Ballesteros dropped five strokes in the last three holes to finish nine strokes adrift of leader Derrick Cooper after the first round of the Spanish Open golf championship yesterday.

1992 Games

BARCELONA, Spain, April 28. (Reuter): The president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today urged the Spanish government and organisers of the Barcelona Olympics to ensure the 1992 Summer Games were free of crime.

200 winners

TOWCESTER, England, April 28. (Reuter): Peter Scudamore became the first British jump jockey to ride 200 winners in a season yesterday when he steered 10-1 chance Gay Moore to victory in the gathering gloom of an evening race meeting here.

Brown triumphs

WASHINGTON, April 28. (Reuter): American Simon Brown retained his International Boxing Federation welterweight title when the referee stopped his scheduled 12-round against countryman Al Long in the seventh round yesterday.

Nagoya golf

TOKYO, April 28. (Reuter): Overnight co-leader Greg Norman of Australia posted a two-round total of seven-under-par 133 on Friday to retain a joint lead with Japan's Koichi Suzuki in the 100 million yen (\$755,000) Nagoya Invitational golf tournament.

Wales defeated

WREXHAM, Wales, April 28. (AP): Defender Dennis Schiller pounced on a loose ball and scored on a 25-yard blast in the first half to start Sweden toward a 2-0 victory over Wales Wednesday night in an exhibition soccer match.

Perfect end

TARANTO, Italy, April 28. (Reuter): Italy overwhelmed Hungary 4-0 on Wednesday to bring to a perfect end a season of international soccer friendlies in the year before they host the World Cup finals.

TV rights

BARCELONA, Spain, April 28. (AP): A record \$401 million contract giving the NBC network the US television rights to the 1992 Olympics was signed yesterday.

Two-way tie

LAS VEGAS, April 28. (Reuter): Tom Purizer fired his second straight 66 yesterday to catch Bill Glasson for a share of the lead in the \$1.3 million Las Vegas Invitational.

Berger released

VIENNA, April 28. (Reuter): Gerhard Berger was released from hospital yesterday, four days after suffering burns and bone fractures in a spectacular crash at the San Marino Grand Prix.

Kristin Otto

EST BERLIN, April 28. (Reuter): East Germany's Kristin Otto competes this weekend in her first international event since winning six gold medals at the Seoul Olympics.

Czechoslovak star

PRAGUE, April 28. (Reuter): A Czechoslovak soccer star who returned home last month after defecting to England will be allowed to play for Italian side Fiorentina, a senior Czechoslovak soccer official said on Wednesday.

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Qadsiya outlast



Faisal Al Dakhil receives the Amir's Cup from Sheikh Saad.



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Al Arabi for title



The victorious Qadsiya squad with other members of the club.

their way to the Kuwait League title.

Qadsiya, which has the best forward line in the country, proved quite strong in the defence for this match. Defence had been always Qadsiya's weak point.

Qadsiya has been reinforced this year by the return of Kuwait national striker Muayyad Hadid, although he was not fully fit.

Al Arabi, however, were weakened by the absence due to injury of Samer Saeed — the best goalkeeper in Kuwait. He was

injured in an earlier clash between the two teams.

Al Arabi also changed their tactics for this match and relied more on their forward line rather than their traditionally strong defensive game in order to find chinks in the Qadsiya defence.

This move failed to pay any dividends as the Qadsiya defence, superbly marshalled by Faisal Al Dakhil and Ubaid,

thwarted all the Al Arabi efforts to control the midfield.

This was the 8th time that

Qadsiya have won the Amir's

Cup. The last time these two sides clashed in the final of the Amir's Cup, in 1972, Qadsiya won the match by an identical score. Al Arabi have also won the Cup eight times while Al Kuwait has lifted it seven times.

The match was patronised by HH the Amir and attended by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla, who gave away the prizes at the end of the match.

The match was to be received by HH the Amir at the Bayan Palace this evening.



IOC chief hospitalised

BARCELONA, Spain, April 28. (AP): International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch remained in good condition today in a Barcelona clinic a day after being treated for intestinal bleeding, a clinic spokeswoman said.

The Quiron Clinic spokeswoman, who was not identified in keeping with custom, said Samaranch, 68, "had a very quiet night and is resting comfortably" under observation.

Samaranch, a Barcelona native and business leader, yesterday closed four days of IOC meetings on preparations for the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympic Games.

Barcelona, located on the northeastern Mediterranean coast, is Spain's second-largest city and serves as the capital of the four-province region of Catalonia.

Samaranch was elected president of the IOC in July 1980 and had served as IOC vice-president from 1974-78. He has been a member of the IOC since 1966.

Results

Baseball games

NEW YORK, April 28. (Reuter): Results of Major League Baseball games played yesterday:

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Chicago 3 Boston 1	
New York 5 Kansas 2	
California 10 Detroit 3	
Toronto 6 Seattle 1	
	National League
St Louis 10 San Francisco 1	
Chicago 1 Los Angeles 0	
San Diego 8 Pittsburgh 1	

NBA matches

NEW YORK, April 28. (Reuter): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday:

Eastern Conference quarterfinals	Western Conference quarterfinals
Atlanta 100 Milwaukee 92	(Knicks lead best-of-five series 1-0)
New York 102 Philadelphia 1-0	(Western Conference quarterfinals)
Golden State 100 Denver 98	Utah 119
Los Angeles 128 Portland Trail 108	(Warriors lead best-of-five series 1-0)
(Lakers lead best-of-five series 1-0)	(Lakers lead best-of-five series 1-0)

Bridge

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Wednesday:

1. Mrs & Mr F. Farah	N/S
2. Tash & Sherin	
3. Heneidi & Hussain	E/W
1. Mrs Sapre & Ravi	
2. Mr Sapre & Cugar	
3. Dr Saad & Latah	

Top English clubs out of action

LONDON, April 28. (Reuter): With top English clubs out of action this weekend in the aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster or because of Cup commitments or the bank holiday, attention will be focused on soccer's relegation struggle.

Second-placed Liverpool are still mourning the death of 95 spectators at their Football Association (FA) Cup semifinal yesterday.

Nottingham Forest, Liverpool's opponents at the Hillsborough and lying fourth in the League, take on Everton at Wembley in their second Cup final appearance of the season.

Second-from-bottom Newcastle, with only one point in their last five League games, go

said the title chase no longer has any importance.

English international midfielder David Rocastle said even if Arsenal holds on to its slim lead over Liverpool and claims the League championship, "it does all seem meaningless now."

"The gloss has been taken away from the season," he said.

"Arsenal has worked hard to be at the top of the First Division, but tell that to the families who have suffered and are still attending funerals."

Rocastle said if he received a championship medal, he might donate it to the fund for victims' families.

"What does it mean anyway?" he asked.

Decision shelved

BARCELONA, April 28. (Reuter): The soccer tug-of-war between the game's governing body and Olympic leaders will be resolved in August, an Olympic official said on Wednesday.

The SFA also imposed a year-long touchline ban and £100 (S170) fine on Jimmy George, manager of Scottish Second Division club Dumbarton.

The former Scottish captain had been confined to the stand after remarks made to a linesman in a game against Dundee United in February.

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The inquiry resumes on Monday.

Attention focuses on relegation struggle

Souness banned from touchline

GLASGOW, April 28. (Reuter): Graeme Souness, quick-tempered manager of Scottish Premier Soccer League leaders Rangers, was banned on Wednesday from the touchline until the end of the current season.

The new penalty followed a recent Scottish Cup semifinal against St Johnstone when Souness twice left his seat in the stand and appeared at the touchline to relay instructions to his team.

The Scottish Football Association (SFA) also fined Souness £2,000 (\$3,400) for breaking a previous order banning him from the touchline until the end of the current season.

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Spain beaten by Michel's own goal against Ireland

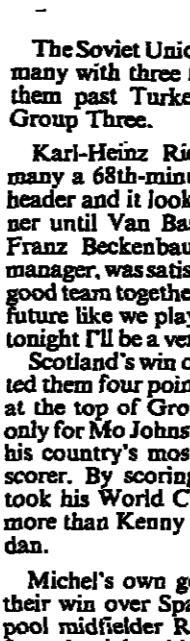
England and Soviet Union swamp opponents



England's Gary Lineker (left) dances past Albania's defender Artur Lekbello. (Reuter wirephoto)



W. German striker Rudi Voeller (2nd right) has his header punched away by the Dutch goalie. (Reuter wirephoto)



The Soviet Union's win over East Germany with three first-half goals carried them past Turkey and to the top of Group Three.

Karl-Heinz Riedle gave West Germany a 68th-minute lead with a diving header and it looked like being the winner until Van Basten's late strike. But Franz Beckenbauer, West Germany's manager, was satisfied. "We're getting a good team together now. If we play in the future like we played in the second half tonight I'll be a very satisfied man."

Scotland's win over Cyprus, which lifted them four points clear of Yugoslavia at the top of Group Five, was notably only for Mo Johnston's feat in becoming his country's most prolific World Cup scorer. By scoring Scotland's first, he took his World Cup tally to eight, one more than Kenny Dalglish and Joe Jordan.

Michel's own goal that gave Ireland their win over Spain came from Liverpool midfielder Ray Houghton's cross from the right which caused chaos in the penalty area. Striker Frank Stapleton was originally credited with the goal but said after the game: "I didn't get a touch. It was an own goal by Michel."

Spain still have twice as many points as any other side in Group Six, including Northern Ireland whose two-second-half goals against Malta are unlikely to send them to their third successive finals.

Portugal's win, their three goals coming between the 48th and 69th minutes, established them in first place in Group Seven, a section previously led by Belgium.

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